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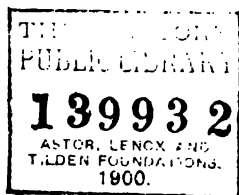
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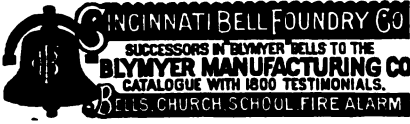
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Policies and Annuities in force, Jan. 1st, 1887	129,927	\$393,909,903 88	Policies and Annuities in force, Jan. 1st, 1888...	140,943	\$427,623,983 51
Risks Assumed.....	22,335	69,437,468 37	Risks Terminated.....	11,269	35,637,738 74
	152,262	\$463,346,671 95		152,262	\$463,346,671 95

Dr.		Revenue Account.	Cr.	
To Balance from last account ...	\$104,719,734 31	By Endowments, Purchased Insurances, Dividends, Annuities and Death Claims.	14,196,423 60	
" Premiums.....	17,110,901 63	" Commissions, Commutations, Taxes and all other Expenses	3,649,514 49	
" Interest, Rents and Premium on Securities Sold.....	6,009,080 84	" Balance to new account.	110,061,718 68	
	\$127,839,656 77		\$127,839,656 77	

Dr.		Balance Sheet.	Cr.	
To Reserve for Policies in force and for risks terminated....	\$112,480,096 00	By Bonds Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate	\$49,615,368 06	
" Premiums received in advance	32,214 36	" United States and other Bonds	43,439,377 81	
" Surplus at four per cent.....	6,394,441 52	" Real Estate and Loans on Collaterals.....	30,159,173 37	
	\$118,806,851 88	" Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at Interest	2,612,393 06	
		" Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit and Sundries.....	3,973,169 98	
			\$118,806,851 88	

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

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Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outstanding.	Surplus.
1884	\$34,631,430	\$351,739,985	\$4,743,771
1885	46,507,139	363,931,441	5,012,634
1886	56,832,719	393,909,903	5,643,538
1887	69,437,468	427,623,983	6,394,443

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Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....*Mark xvi. 15.*
How shall they preach except they be SENT?...*Rom. x. 15.*

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TREASURY NOTE.

THE close of the Society's sixty-second year brought special occasion for thanksgiving to God. He so moved upon the hearts of his children that the thirty-first of March found every note at the banks paid, and not a dollar due to any missionary who had reported labor.

The debt at one time within the year had reached more than \$75,000. Besides paying this large sum, the contributions and legacies enable us to replace not less than \$30,000 of the \$50,000 borrowed from the Swett Exigency Fund, on which the Society depends for paying its missionaries during the usual summer drought.

If, therefore, the friends of Home Missions will so provide that from this time until the Annual Meeting, June 5, the current expenses are met, leaving this part of the Swett Fund intact for use during the rest of the hot months, the summer's work will go vigorously on, and every laborer can be promptly paid, until the abundant autumn receipts fill the treasury once more. For a consummation so greatly to be desired both by givers and receivers, we devoutly pray.

THE SARATOGA MEETING.

THE Sixty-second Annual Meeting of the American Home Missionary Society will be held in the Methodist Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., commencing on Tuesday evening, June 5th, 1888, with the annual sermon by the Rev. GEORGE LEON WALKER, D.D., of Hartford, Conn. The meetings will close on Thursday evening, June 7th. The President of the Society, Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D. of Amherst College, is expected to preside and deliver an address on Wednesday morning. The officers of the Society are making special efforts to secure a large attendance of representative laymen from all parts of the country, and the meeting on Wednesday evening will be addressed by well known persons of this class.

The women will hold their meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. J. A. BIDDLE, of Hartford, Connecticut, will preside. A special effort has been made to secure speakers from the field. Mrs. J. W. Pickett, of Colorado, will give some Rocky Mountain experiences. Mr. Adams will speak of his work in Chicago. The work of the foreign departments will be presented by native speakers. Mrs. S. E. Eastman will give a familiar talk to young ladies, and Rev. W. G. Puddefoot will gather up the crumbs. At this meeting, Ohio will be represented by Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles; Missouri, by Mrs. C. L. Goodell; Florida, by Mrs. S. F. Gale; and Washington Territory, by Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh. There are indications of an unusually large attendance of delegates from the Woman's State Unions.

Representatives from the field will speak at the different sessions throughout Thursday.

The prospects are that there will be a larger attendance than ever at the approaching anniversary. Those that go once are sure to go again and take their friends with them. But there is no danger of overcrowding Saratoga. Ample accommodations will be provided for all, and all will be made welcome.

Arrangements for reduced fares by North River boats, and railroads, will be published in the religious papers.

The Rev. T. W. Jones, chairman of the local committee, has secured large reductions in rates of board during the meetings, as will be seen in the following list.

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FIVE GREAT DANGERS.

At the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church a committee of thirteen elders was appointed to arouse the churches to the necessity of increased effort in behalf of mission work at home. The committee has just issued a circular in which the five following "items of undeniable facts" are presented as food for thought and incentive to action:

1. First, to the immense, unceasing, and ever enlarging *influx of foreigners*—more than a thousand souls a day—mostly ignorant and irreligious, often discontented and restless, and not seldom vicious and criminal. Our civilization is thus undergoing dilution. We are engorging ourselves with crude barbarism, far beyond the possibilities of easy assimilation.

2. The country towns of the East, the old-time nurseries of our national piety, suffering from the attraction of cities and the alluring invitations of the West, in part depopulated of the former devout stock, and rapidly filling with foreigners, hostile or indifferent to evangelical religion, threaten now to paganize our future rural population. Religious indifference replaces devoutness, and there creep in Spiritualism and various low forms of fanaticism, followed by lunacy, vice, and crime.

3. In the South eight millions of freedmen and their descendants, a distinctive and utterly unassimilated people, doubling in numbers every twenty years, of whom scarce ten per cent. can read, appeal in tones monitory rather than suppliant, not only to benevolence, but to patriotism, nay, even to the instinct of self-preservation.

Among large masses of the white population of the South, illiteracy and degradation are as great as among the negroes.

4. In the West, new villages and cities constantly crystallize out of diverse and often inferior social fragments, which come from all lands

and races. Foundations are forming of future States that must be godless, immoral, and dangerous if not possessed and controlled by the Militant Church.

5. And even more alarming and pressing is the problem of our modern cities. In 1800 our entire population, except some three per cent., was rural. In 1850 twelve per cent. lived in cities, and now a quarter of our citizenship. In 2000 A. D. one third of our population will be civic. Commerce, manufactures, railroads, sanitary reform, and infrequency of wars have made it possible for enormous masses of men and women to swarm at certain centers. Social congestion and disease result. Poverty becomes the grievance of hundreds of thousands, vice abounds, and Socialism and Anarchism arise to mock at wealth and culture, and to assail society. Thus in New York nearly one million of human beings dwell in tenement-houses; and the prevalent social depravity, which, like physical contagion, flourishes nowhere so virulently as in crowds, bids fair to rival the common personal discomfort and discontent. From these overcrowded retreats of human misery, churches and all self-supporting institutions of social or religious culture flee away. In 1840 there was in New York one Protestant church to two thousand of population; now there is one to four thousand. A like fate seems to impend over all our great or growing cities. And these misbegotten, unfed, untaught, and unhappy multitudes are American citizens, and, at the ballot-box, peers of the most eminent of our voters; their political freedom, a perilous privilege for them, is a fearful menace to us.

It is no exaggeration whatever to say that all our institutions and our very civilization are challenged and threatened by facts so colossal and portentous.

HOME MISSIONS RULED THE HOUR.—It would seem from the enthusiastic account in the *San Francisco Pacific*, that the Home Missionary meetings recently held in Grass Valley and Nevada City were of unusual interest and power. The church was packed to its utmost capacity in the morning to listen to the sermon by Rev. Dr. Barrows, of San Francisco, upon the text: "I tell you that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." The sermon was of a high order, both in delivery and thought, and at the close the speaker presented an earnest appeal to young men to square their characters with the promptings of their higher, and better nature. The evening service proved literally a mass meeting, the overflow filling the Methodist Church. The audiences were addressed by Prof. Foster, Superintendent Warren, and Pastor Sink. The latter, by the way, is the author of all the hymns used upon this occasion in which "Home Missions ruled the hour."

ATTEMPT—EXPECT.

BY REV. WILLARD SCOTT, OMAHA, NEB.

How easily in these days we go West! You may go West bodily in forty hours with the utmost comfort, ease, and indeed, cheapness. You may look out on the prairies, and see the cities and the hamlets. You may go West verbally in four hours; telegraph a question and receive an answer which will ease your care, strengthen your courage, or direct your purpose. We may go West in four minutes sympathetically, so that impulses shall run between us, and we shall be filled with the spirit of affection. Father, you have a son there. Mother, you have a daughter there. Some of you, who are older, have grandchildren there. You are already transferring your family there. You are fast transferring your hopes; and in the very wills you are drawing to-day, your name has gone, your interest is going, and by and by you shall be there in the persons of your children. Your father came to this country when it was as unknown to his father as Nebraska and Missouri and Dakota are, to you. We have the same spirit of emigration, and if our children in their turn go farther westward, it is because the spirit is in us.

But here comes a vital question,—Shall those western homes be Christian homes? You brought up your boy in prayer; you baptized him into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. You received him into the membership of the church which inclosed you, and gave God thanks for the profession. And when he went, you bade him God speed, as my mother bade me, saying, “My son, never forget your religion.” He has not gone beyond the reach of your prayer. But, I ask you, will his home be Christian in the land to which he has gone? No doubt it will be a happy home, a prosperous home, but will it be a CHRISTIAN HOME? Remember, that separation from the old ties is not simply in companionship and business, but also in religion. Remember, that freedom from the wholesome restraints of youth is likely to breed negligence. Remember the desolation in those new places where the church is not yet, and people are liable to coldness. Remember this, that very many who come from the East leave their religion behind them. They ought to be good Christian people there;—some are,—but there are many who are not. You haven’t done your work so well, that they are kept in the strong embrace of Jesus Christ. Meanwhile, dominion is settling down upon that western country, and I ask you, where is our hope, when dominion lies in a region which isn’t devout? This is not simply a question like the question of foreign missions—an appeal to do good—but a question in the line of self-preservation; in the line that comes to one’s own door, and we have need as American people to say, that sad will be the day if power comes to the Mississippi and the Missouri Valley, and it is not power in the name of Christ.

Now, to meet this question two things are necessary. The first is churches, and the second is strong churches. We have a good many churches; there are great domains which have them not. The half has not been told. On all the frontiers there are great regions which are not yet occupied, or being occupied. And so, when the Secretaries say to us, "no new work," they are not simply cutting off an opportunity, but leading us into absolute suicide, because the people are entering,—and if the gospel enters not, then what? I'll tell you what. There are two cities in the State of New York, in one of which when they were first settled, was built a theater, and in the other, a church. The inhabitants of these towns carry out to-day the principles indicated by the spirit which built in the one place a house of amusement, and in the other a house of prayer. People are crowding into these western places; and unless the minister goes in quickly, he goes in afterward to little purpose. Let them be for one year without the opportunities of the gospel, and the second year they will not care for the opportunity. It is a position which you cannot recover after the days go by. Those waters of opportunity will never return. The babyhood of a town is like the babyhood of a child, and more so, because it is the babyhood of the mind and not of the body. We doom the neglected town to illiteracy, and to the Devil. And it is scriptural that all the Devil requires is an opportunity in vacancy, clean, swept and garnished. He doesn't need home missionary meetings and conventions to stir up his courage; he is encouraged all the time. He is swift to devise messages; he is in alliance with the people themselves, and all he asks is a vacancy, and you are making it when you say "no new work."

We need strong churches. I like the idea of putting up the salaries. I wish we could pay a thousand dollars or more, to each pioneer missionary. It would not require so much more as you think, because thousand-dollar men in some of those churches would soon bring them to self-support. Pardon a word of Nebraska experience. The first year my church had \$750 aid because it seemed necessary to start with a pretty good salary. The next year they said, "We can't stand so much help," and we cut it down to \$500. Then they said, "It is of no use, we've got to cut the sum down again;" and they cut it down to \$300. We were badly off, and I said, "Let's go alone," and so we did, and then began our prosperity.

We started fellowship meetings in Nebraska. Two and two we went through the State, as did the disciples of old at their Master's command, and we reached 95 of our 160 churches, and told them how we loved them. We prayed for the blessing of God upon them, and it came. Revivals followed in many of those instances, and then we asked them to think upon the cause, to come to self-support if they could, and if not, to practice large benevolence, and to retrench in their expenses. We raised the contributions from \$2,000 to \$4,100, averaging more than

fifty cents per member throughout the State, and in some instances more than one dollar per member. At one place they said, "Don't come!" but we went. We told them that they owed a debt to the Home Missionary Society of twenty years' standing on what they had received. They hadn't been paying one-tenth percentage to the Home Missionary Society. It would be a curse to them, as the old quails were in the teeth of the children of Israel. It was wonderful how they straightened up under it. We took a collection the next Sunday morning, though they had not supposed we could. We went to the oldest church of a city. "I don't think you'd better try it," said the pastor. "We are going to try it," we replied. "Well," said he, "don't ask for \$200; there are only 347 members." "We are going to ask for \$350," we said. "You can't get it," said he. "It isn't our business to get it, but to ask." We got it. That's the way we went through that country, and we had a grand work.

I tell you, friends, we don't rest on God enough. We don't have confidence enough in the Almighty's willingness and power. William Carey said, the grandest words that were ever uttered, were, "Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." Attempt, and expect nothing, and you get nothing. Marry, and put them together, and what may you not get! We have not gone far enough in dependence on God. Brethren, ATTEMPT! EXPECT!

"YOU KNOW HIM?"

I HAVE been recently called to take a daily walk of three miles through deep snow to visit a man suffering with a spinal affection. Each day I have read to him portions of God's Word. He lives on the prairie, with no neighbors within a mile. He gives me glad welcome every time. One day he pressed my hand and said, "I want you to tell me all about Jesus. I want you to set me right about him. *You know him*, and I want to know him, too. I have become conscious that I am a great sinner. I know I am. Tell me what I must do." I opened up to him the simple way of life through Christ alone, and he listened eagerly to every word. We then had a precious season of prayer. I shall not soon forget the scene, as we knelt in that prairie home. I took the sick man's hand in one of mine, and that of his wife in the other, while five little children gathered about us. In a cradle near by nestled two young babes, only a few weeks old. It was a time to pour out one's heart to God. He seemed very near, and spoke peace to the troubled soul. It was a precious season, and I felt refreshed, as I made my way home through the deep snow. God's Word gives light. God's Spirit lights up the darkest soul.—*Rev. W. Edwards, Ft. Abercrombie, Dak.*

ACCEPTABLE POCKETS.

A LADY in New York City, who is confined to her home by chronic illness, so that she cannot attend the Ladies' Home Missionary Society of her church, comforts herself by working at home and sending out "Personal Boxes." The following letter acknowledges her latest offering to a missionary in Nebraska.

"Dear Friend:—The box, so kindly sent by you, arrived safely Monday noon. Everything in it was in good order. We are inclined to think we are getting more than our share of good things. Nearly everything in this box can be put to immediate use by us. The clothing was soon in service. The dolls and the dishes, and the ark, were also making the children glad, as soon as unpacked. A doll's tea-party was the order of the day yesterday. The books we shall enjoy more than I can tell you. If the missionary's "pants pockets" always have as much money in them as the pair you sent, it will be an experience that he hasn't had in his six years in Nebraska! However, I do not complain. We have had a chance to learn the Apostle's lesson of contentment, and I hope not in vain.

"I am sure, if we could see you, we should all be glad to express our warmest thanks to you in some more emphatic way than a letter permits, —but the letter being the only way possible, you will have to read *thanks* as though it were spelled *love*. And be sure that we remember you in our prayers, and, more important perhaps, be sure you remember us in your prayers, and no doubt you do.

"And now a few words about our work here. We came here about eighteen months ago. The people at that time were very much discouraged, as the great adversary had been at work among them. At the end of the first year, the prospect was more encouraging, but the last of July a tornado almost destroyed our sanctuary, and many thought that the end of the church as an organization had come. But it was not quite so bad as that. It would not have been a very heavy burden for some churches, but it was for us, especially as some of our members lost property by the storm. However, in November we were in our church again. The tower, which was entirely destroyed, has not yet been replaced, but the necessary funds have been pledged, and the work will be done as soon as the weather permits.

"We have received some new members lately, and shall receive more at our next communion. We have a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, with about twenty-five members. My wife has charge of a Children's Missionary Society. "Your first letter was written on my birthday, so I shall look upon the box as a birthday remembrance.

"Wishing you grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, with assurance of our continual remembrance of you, I am gratefully yours."

NEW RACES COMING.

BY REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

WE must begin to take into our missionary work three other races from the northernmost parts of the Old World, viz.: the Icelanders, Finns, and Russians.

Of the total emigration to the United States,—455,000, for ten months, ending October 31st,—98,000 are Germans, 68,000 are Irish, 64,000 are Norwegians and Swedes, 41,000 are Italians, 24,000 are English and Welsh, 22,000 are Russians, and 19,000 are Scotch. For fifty-nine years from 1820 only 38,000 Russians entered this country, but now we have 22,000 of them coming in ten months. What is the significance of the opening of this new vein of immigration from the vast empire of the Czar?

Finland is the Baltic province of Russia, and borders on Sweden and Norway along their extreme northern limits. Finland is about the size of Dakota, having 140,000 square miles of surface, one third of which is water. The Finns number about 2,000,000 people and were under the dominion of Sweden from the twelfth century until 1809, when Sweden secured peace with Russia by ceding Finland.

The Finns have no race affinity with the Swedes nor with the other Scandinavian peoples, but are a branch of the Ugrian race, and these latter are said to have a Mongolian origin. They speak the Finnish language, but in some localities, the people, especially the upper classes, still cling to the Swedish tongue, and many are said to regret that they are not under the crown of Sweden. The Finns are an affectionate, honest, cleanly people; very fond of the vapor bath; are great readers, and their newspapers circulate freely among all classes, and they discuss politics with an enthusiasm which surpasses that of their adjoining Russian and Scandinavian neighbors.

These interesting people are coming to the United States almost in a tidal wave. There are about 35,000 Finlanders now in the United States, and of these 7,000 came during six months in 1887. They bring with them their love for reading and have already some *six newspapers in this country* published in the Finnish language. One of these papers is published at New York Mills, Otter Tail County, Minn.; one at Ashtabula, O., and one at Calumet, Mich. The Finns, like the Scandinavians, are inclined to be Lutherans in religion.

The largest Finnish settlement in America occupies portions of the counties of Otter Tail, Becker and Hubbard in Minnesota. The next largest is in Frederick, Brown County, Dak.; and other settlements are in Minnesota, at Thomson, on the Northern Pacific Railroad; at Franklin, in Renville County; at Holmes City, in Douglas County; in Dakota at Fort Abraham Lincoln, Morton County; at Mapes, Nelson County; in Umatilla

County, Oregon; in Klikitat County, Washington Territory, and in all the mining towns of Northern Michigan. Concerning the Icelanders, Mr. Eggert Johansson, editor of "*Heimskringla*," the Icelandic newspaper published at Winnipeg, Manitoba, writes as follows:

"I beg to tender you my sincere thanks for the kind letter of August 27th last, and the deep interest you take in the Icelandic race. In answer to your inquiries I beg to say: The number of Icelanders in North America at the present day is about 9,000, and of these 1,500 are new arrivals. Of this whole number some 5,000 are in Canada, the principal colonies being in Manitoba and the Northwest Territory. In the United States there are about 4,000, the principal colonies being in Northern Dakota, in Pembina, Cavalier and Walsh counties. There is also an Icelandic colony in Lyon and Lincoln counties, the number of families being about 120, and a few in Minneapolis.

"Iceland is controlled by Denmark. The religion is Lutheran and is a State religion. In this connection I may, however, remark that a certain congregation there has succeeded in breaking away from the body of the State Church, and is now, by the king and council, acknowledged a Free Church, and the ecclesiastical work, marriage contracts, etc., consummated by the pastor chosen by the congregation, acknowledged legal and binding—an acknowledgment not got without some hard struggles. Thus my countrymen see with joy the dawning of a religious liberty, though yet bowed down by political oppression."

The Icelanders are Scandinavians. Iceland—500 miles north from Norway and touching the Arctic Circle—was settled by the old Norse stock, and her people speak the oldest form of the Norwegian tongue. Should the present rate of immigration continue for many years Iceland would be depopulated.—*From a forthcoming Leaflet.*

A CONVERTED LUMBERMAN.—A wealthy lumberman has recently been converted here. Two days afterward he met some of his old friends, who approached him with scoffs and sneers, at the stand he had taken for Christ. He replied, "Boys, I am going to serve God, and be a different man in the future from what I have been in the past." Not long after, he received a letter from one of these "old friends," saying, "I am glad you are a Christian. Stick to it. God helping me, I'll go with you!"—*Rev. C. F. Van Auken, Essexville, Mich.*

GOD has a purpose in everything he does or permits, but we are so ignorant of the language of God's love that we fail to comprehend its teachings.

I cannot express sorrow for affliction. Ought we to be sorry for that which burns out earthly dross, and lifts us nearer to God, and fits us for higher Christian service?—*Rev. W. E. Silence.*

FACING DEATH.

January, 1888.

WE have been passing through strange experiences. We were just getting well under way for work after a very warm and trying summer, and everybody was anticipating, in common phrase, a boom for Tampa for the winter. And indeed everything did look fair for it. We had heard of large numbers who were coming here from the North this winter. Of course as a church we hoped and expected that we would come in for some of the general strength which would accrue to the city. All summer we had been holding the defensive against yellow fever at Key West, which was in regular connection with Tampa by two lines of boats, but the season had so far advanced that we were congratulating ourselves on having escaped the contagion, and no doubt were somewhat boastful of the fact that our city was able to protect herself from the fearful scourge which prevails more or less in Havana every year, and occasionally at other points along the western coast of Florida. But about noon of October 9th the report went quickly through our streets that a well known citizen had yellow fever in its most malignant form. Of course there was a good deal of scepticism as to the real character of the disease for some time, until the concurrent testimony of several reliable physicians declared it to be a genuine case of yellow Jack. Very soon several others were taken sick with the same type of fever. At once a general panic took possession of the people, and they fled in all directions. The outward bound trains were loaded to their utmost capacity. Every available conveyance for moving goods and families was in demand, and in the course of twenty-four hours, when quarantine shut the rest of us in on all sides, the city looked desolate enough. Many who left had to mortgage their homes to secure the money needed, and some were so beside themselves in their haste as to forget even to lock the doors of their houses. I never thought before that human beings ordinarily cool and self-possessed could become so quickly and completely demoralized. As for myself, I had already counted the cost of coming into this latitude, and decided, long in advance of the actual outbreak of the epidemic, that in case it should come, my post of duty would be right here; and, though contrary to the advice of the leading physician, I remained. A good many of our northern families remained here also. But a good many whom I counted among my congregation went with the crowd. Of course all kinds of business, except caring for the sick, were suspended. Nurses experienced in yellow fever were telegraphed for, and we gave ourselves up to general hospital work.

As the epidemic spread and got stronger hold, the situation became indeed very serious. It was difficult to procure good care for the sick, and sufficient help to bury the dead. Those who were in danger of becoming victims to the disease did not want to take more risk than was

absolutely necessary. Into many a family I went where every member, seven or eight, would be prostrated at the same time. To meet the wants of the sick and destitute it was necessary to organize a relief society, and I was put on that. So that together with my ministerial and pastoral duties, and furnishing physical relief, I indeed had my hands and heart full. We avoided public funerals at the houses, but wherever I could, I conducted a brief funeral service at the grave. In the necessity of speedy interment many were buried without *any* religious service.

For three weeks I was the only Protestant minister on duty; all the others, with the exception of the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, had fled, and he was at once stricken with the fever, and lo, I only was left! The resident Catholic priest died of the disease. Another was sent to fill his place. He also died, and a third was sent to hold the post. Our church was open for service every Sunday morning until I was attacked by the scourge. The audience was necessarily small, and we had no evening service, as the people generally did not dare to be out in the night air. For days and weeks we seemed to be walking in the very Valley of the Shadow of Death. But the Lord was our Shepherd and in the midst of it all we feared no evil. Of course our regular church work has been sadly broken, and it will be some time before we get back to the position and strength we had reached before. The long stress of anxiety during the summer had made business very dull in the city, so that our people, many of whom are dependent on their daily work for a living, and means to help support the church, were greatly straitened. But we should have come out all right in a financial way had the winter opened without the fever. Our progress toward self-support will be much slower than we had hoped—and yet we trust, if we are spared a return of the epidemic, that next year we shall more than recover the vantage ground we had gained.

What we want now is the incoming of some families of genuine Congregational stock. The opening for such a class of people is good. Counting out this visitation of fever, which is not likely to be repeated for many years, the general healthfulness of this section cannot be excelled in all our country. While only one of our members has died, several of our congregation have, among them an organist, whose services in our little church seemed almost indispensable. But God knows best. The work of the last three months which was thrust upon me, has been a very precious one. I have been able to point some souls to Christ at the last moment of life. I have been permitted to speak words of comfort to others, in their affliction; and in general I feel that I have now means of access to the whole community which I could not have secured through any other experience.

The fever seems to have passed by, and as a church we are getting under headway again. All through the epidemic, our house of worship was open on Sunday mornings, with the exception of two. The outlook

is encouraging on the whole, though we realize that the winter will in many respects be far less prosperous than it otherwise would have been. Many of our northern friends, from fear of the disease, will avoid us. There are schemes on foot already, by which the city we are sure will be pushed ahead the coming year, and we pray God, with all other progress to give us growth in the right direction as a church. We are very grateful for the aid of the A. H. M. S., and trust that our strength will in the near future be equal to our entire support. There is some very interesting missionary work near by waiting to be done among the Cubans who, to the number of about 3,000, have come to work in the large cigar factories of Ybor City, which is one of the outskirts of Tampa. Though nominally Catholic, they care but little for that form of faith, and by a wise leader, could be easily persuaded, I believe, to embrace the Protestant religion. I am sure that a Spanish-speaking teacher or colporteur, or missionary could do a grand work among them. Could you come over and help us?—*Rev. Sidney Crawford, Tampa, Fla.*

SPECIAL PROVIDENCES IN HOME MISSIONS.

ONE of the most interesting publications that I read, is *The Home Missionary*. It is a modern "Acts of Apostles." It is a narrative of darings, and deeds, and sufferings of heroes and heroines. It is a record of special interpositions of divine Providence. The same, with equal propriety, might also be said of "The Missionary Herald."

It has occurred to me, that a book prepared by one competent to the undertaking—by a person who might say *quorum pars magna fui*, with the above title, or something similar, would be one of great interest and profit. As might be expected, the history of Home Missions has abounded with special divine interpositions. The cause is one that is very near to God, and there has often been a need for his special interposition in its behalf, as there was at the time of the planting of the first Christian churches, when, in a special manner, the angels of God encamped round about the preachers of the gospel. The same God has given his angels charge over our home and foreign missionaries in these latter days. Many of them could relate instances not a few, of hair-breadth escapes, and of timely interpositions, of scarcely less interest than those experienced by Elijah and Paul. Though the day of miracles may be past, there have often been experienced by our missionaries, incidents bordering upon the miraculous. The *Home Missionary* and the *Missionary Herald* have recorded many of them; and doubtless there have been numberless more unrecorded. Let them be gathered up, and published in a permanent form, for the glory of God, and the strengthening of the faith of his people.—*Massachusetts.*

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A CONTINUAL PICNIC PARISH.—III.

REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT, COLORADO AND WYOMING.

AFTER tea I took the stage for Buffalo, Wyo., one hundred and sixty-five miles to the northwest. To me this stage trip was an eventful one. It is literally jammed into my memory. You must remember that I am on a visit to a "Continual picnic parish," and it takes a continual picnic to reach it.

From Douglas to Fort Fetterman, a distance of ten miles, I rode with the driver; there were two passengers inside,—the stage,—office clerk of Douglas, and his girl. The four horses were spirited. Every stage-horse is named. "What are the names of these?" I asked. "That nigh leader," said the man, "is Monte; the other leader, is Keno; the nigh wheeler, is Reckless, and the other, Danger." The driver was a young man whose home was once sixty miles west of New York City. He was a jolly fellow, and seemed specially interested to make it lively for the party inside. "I will give them a picnic" he chuckled, and he did. He picked out the worst holes in the road, and started the horses at the right moment every time, to give the coach a fearful jolting. I had my hands full to hold on. My lower arms were too short for a good anchorage on the foot-board, so I was obliged to do extra duty with my upper ones. The party inside took it all in good part and made the old coach ring with laughter.

At Fetterman, there came a change of drivers and horses, and from this point I was the only passenger. This driver was a coarse, profane man, without the slightest inclination to accommodate any one. The only thing he seemed really to enjoy, was the privilege of swearing. The night was cool, and there were no blankets in the coach, and as I had none with me, I put on my thick overcoat, then a duster, and over them my slicker; covered my feet with my rubbers for warmth, and climbed into the coach for a long ride. The driver seemed disposed to put me through the same course of treatment endured by the couple from Douglas.

I, of course, had the liberty of *all the room* in the coach. I was privileged to occupy any part I pleased, which I did. For a while I got along fairly well, but the seats grew hard; I changed position a time or two—sat on the back seat a while, changed over to the front seat; I leaned in this corner, and then in that; reclined against all the soft places and rubbed them into hardness. I finally took the front cushion, which was stiff and hard, and placed it lengthwise of the coach, an end on each seat, and endeavored to make up a sort of berth. Took my small grip-sack for a bolster, and having no newspapers, crumpled up two handkerchiefs for a pillow, and stretched myself for a rest. "Come, Sleep, O Sleep!" Wearied and anxious I waited—but just as "this

sweet restorer" was about to usher me into forgetfulness, some rock on the road was sure to frighten away the good angel.

"Sleep is no servant of the will;
It has caprices of its own:
When courted most it lingers still,
When most pursued, 'tis swiftly gone."

I was reminded of the bed of which the prophet makes mention,— "too short," even for me; I could say with Job, "I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet;" when I looked for good, then evil came *unto me* and when I waited for light, there came darkness." I changed position. I tried it on this side, and then on that. I turned head first and then feet first. I sat up here, and sat down there, I bumped and thumped and rolled and pitched, but did not sleep. How good it was—how indescribable indeed the relief, when a stop was made to change horses!

I didn't care how long they were about it. It was of no use to complain. There was no police officer within forty gunshots, and the driver had it all his own way. We were away out on even the ranchless plains. There are but few ranches outside of the stage station between Douglas and Buffalo. I meditated upon Paul's instruction to young Timothy: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." About midnight I held a small prayer-meeting, recalling the good admonitions of a mother in Israel, given me years ago, "Try and practice what you preach." My prayer was short and somewhat broken—but it was to the point. I cried out, "Dear Lord, I am going quite a ways to do what I can to encourage and help one of your churches. I trust I am about your work. Now, this experience is pretty hard—I cannot endure much more. I do desire to live to reach my destination and to be able to do something after my arrival. I pray that this ride may be made a little easier for me."

Perhaps you smile. I didn't—and do you know, I found it true; "God *is* our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble." The Lord did hear the prayer of that poor stage-tossed home missionary superintendent. There soon came a change of drivers. The new driver was not a Jehu, but a John; he avoided the holes and turned away from the stones and sought the smooth road. I did not forget to return thanks. I took courage, realizing again the strength and beauty of that golden text: "Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee."

At four o'clock we arrived at the breakfast station; I was not hungry, but it seemed to me that I had used up my supper, and as it was forty miles, or thereabouts, before we should come to another place where food could be obtained, I felt that something must be taken to fill up the waste places of the inner man, and ate what I could. Then we were off again. I rode outside until the sun began to make its hot rays

felt, when I took shelter within. By afternoon, I had so learned the twists and turns of the coach, had become so used to its motion, and so hardened to its pitching, that I rode with comparative comfort. We reached Buffalo at a quarter past seven, having been on the stage twenty-four hours,—with four drivers, and forty-four different horses,—and on the road from Manitou four days. For supper I ate a toasted cracker and drank a cup of tea; then took a sponge bath, offered my evening prayer and retired.

“Kind sleep afforded me
The boon I craved.”

The next morning found me refreshed and able to do full justice to the breakfast that was set before me, and really in pretty good condition to attend to the duties of “The continual picnic parish.”

MISSIONARY CABBAGES.—One dollar from one of our devoted German home missionaries, with this message: “The inclosed was handed me the other day by a Christian sister, poor in worldly goods, but rich in faith. In handing it to me she said, ‘Last spring I planted a row of cabbages in my garden for Home Missions, and I never saw such *large heads*! I got this dollar for them.’ She looked happy, and I know she was happy. She fully realizes Christ’s words, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ How easy it would be to fill the treasury of the A. H. M. S. if all church members had the same spirit!”

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VIEWS.

EXTRACTS.

IN Home Missions are found stories of the greatest trial, the most cruel deprivations, and the most heroic self-sacrifice. Those who have seen the Home Missionary, and watched him in the conduct of his work can appreciate this statement.

“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Important news travels fast. Even in the old days this was true. When a man has news and desires to tell it, and has a neighbor who desires to hear it, the news will spread. Going to take a steamboat at the dock at Milwaukee, I bought a paper and read the news of the death of General Custer and his men in their last battle at Little Big Horn. I went to Lake Superior on that steamboat, and then shifted to a sailboat, and in seven days was at Red Rock, an Indian village near the

mouth of the Nepigon River, which empties into Lake Superior from the north. No steamboat, no mail of any regular kind had been received there for two weeks. We at once hired guides and canoes. Sitting by our first camp fire I heard the Indians chatting about the death of "Yellow Hair" and his men. In eight days the news of the battle had been carried by Indian methods more than a thousand miles. So it is not remarkable that "the good news" brought from heaven to earth by Jesus Christ should have spread so far and so widely, even in the first century. Andrew hears something good to hear, and "he first findeth his own brother, Simon," and tells him. "Jesus finds Philip, and Philip finds Nathaniel." A Samaritan woman meets Jesus at a well and talks with him; she forgets her errand, goes her swift way into the city, and says to everybody she meets, "Come, see a man who told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" You are familiar with the long journeys of St. Paul. Not content to settle in one city or any city, he says, "I must see Rome also." He touches all sorts and conditions of men, and talks to all, and tells one thing. Sometimes he is before kings, and sometimes he is with sailors. He talks to his jailer, and to the Roman soldier to whom he is chained; and not long after he is a prisoner at Rome, we read that he has brethren in Cæsar's household. When he can travel no more he writes the good news. He is a debtor to the Jew, the Greek, the Roman, and the barbarian. He holds to the doctrine that good news is not a private possession, but is to be shared. It is a debt to be paid to all men.

If we are not missionaries ourselves, we like to see them and read about them. I never stop "twenty minutes for dinner" at Portage, Wisconsin, without thinking of Father Marquette, with his canoe on his shoulders, making the long "carry" between the Fox River emptying into the known, and the Wisconsin, running south and west toward the unknown. The Foreign Missionary is a more picturesque object than the Home Missionary. He has distance, perspective—an easier subject for a poem or an oration, I should say. But, if it is a question of toil, hardship, and self-denial, I believe I would, in debate, take the side of the Home Missionary. As you look out of the car window, you will see, between here and the Pacific, many steeples. Nearly all of them represent home missionaries. A great deal of work has been put into the foundation under the sometimes homely finger that points to the sky.

From steady reading of *The Home Missionary* one gets many good stories of men and women who had the charity that hopes all things, and believes all things, and never fails. There is an unwritten history of the planting of the gospel in the West. Men and women and children have had to "go without" to do it. Self-sacrifice is necessary for a while longer. This church sent a box of good and necessary things to a missionary up in Wyoming. I trust it reached him before the mercury froze in his cheap thermometer. Let us hope that he has no thermom-

eter. I am never so cold as when I know how cold it is. I seem to adjust myself and go down with the mercury.

Unquestionably it takes a good man and his wife in a country peculiarly money-making, to stay out of the general occupation and preach the gospel to a handful of people, from the standpoint of a Home Missionary. I should think that the missionary of our mountain towns would in going to his appointments be tempted to turn aside and look for minerals. We must honor him if he walks straight on, and thinks only of the words of eternal life. Think of "the one thing" he does and of the many things that he refuses, and honor him more.

America is a kind of mixing pot of the nations. We found the Indian here, we brought the negro here, and men of every nation have found us.

Minneapolis has the largest Norwegian population of any city in the world except the capital city of Norway. We now have in the United States more than one fourth of all the Norwegians on earth. The need for going out to all the earth is somewhat lessened by the fact that all the earth is coming to us. If we have any good news to tell, we certainly have a great opportunity to tell it, to men of every race. They are our next door neighbors. I believe myself that a vivid sense of obligation to God, a vivid sense of a day of judgment, a vivid sense of Jesus Christ, helps a man mightily to be good in his family, good in his neighborhood, good in his city and in his State. Convince anybody that there is no God, no life to come—and I do not believe that a corner lot in Denver would be worth any more than it was in Sodom. Intelligent selfishness will say that a church is a good thing for a town. A class of people that some churches have no use for, have use for some churches. For good reason the gamblers of Leadville have been the friends of the churches there, and of some of the men who have manned those—notably of that Home Missionary, Rev. Thomas Uzzell, now of the People's Tabernacle down on Blake Street.

To conclude, let me say that I have seen many a promising camp fire put out by piling on too much green wood, and also by neighbors who came too early to borrow fire. The country has now, in my humble opinion, taken in about as much foreign material as it can digest and assimilate. Seven thousand a week is rather too much just now at Castle Garden. Let us make a legal distinction between the people over the sea who desire to come here because they desire to become Americans, and those who come here for revenue only. Why put a tariff on pauper-made goods, and admit pauper labor, free? The best service America can render to the countries over the sea is to keep her own original fire well fed and burning brightly, so that the oppressed people of all the world can see the great light of the West—the Star of Bethlehem—multiplied.—*Rev. M. W. Reed, in the "Rocky Mountain News."*

ONLY A STEP.—Brother W. D. Webb, of White City, Kan., seemed to be in perfect health the day he died. We were holding revival services, and during the afternoon he said to me, "Preach the simple gospel to-night. Make it as plain as you can." He sat in plain sight of me during the service, and his beaming face testified to his enjoyment of it. At the close of the sermon he came forward, and seated himself in a chair near the pulpit evidently intending to speak after the singing of a hymn. While we were singing the first verse, "Come over the line, it is only a step," he was stricken with paralysis, and died in two hours and twenty minutes. The hearts of the people were very tender as they laid him away, and they begin now to realize in some measure what he has been to them.—*Rev. W. C. Veazie, Junction City, Kan.*

THE CHRISTIAN EMPIRE.

T. W. HOIT.

O, strike the golden lyre,
A song of triumph raise,
And speak your strong desire
In notes of loudest praise:
For lo! His standard is unfurled—
We claim for Christ the Western world.

His are these smiling plains,
And His the rolling sun;
Supreme in power He reigns,
The omnipresent One:
For lo! His standard is unfurled—
We claim for Christ the Western world.

The Lily of the Vale
And Rose of Sharon, fair,
Shall flourish and prevail
In heavenly beauty there:
For lo! His standard is unfurled—
We claim for Christ the Western world.

Let all the nations come,
Their vows to freedom pay;
Let scoffing lips be dumb,
Christ is the Truth and Way:
For lo! His standard is unfurled—
We claim for Christ the Western world.

Father, assist us now:
O, Holy Spirit, bless,
Till every knee shall bow
And every tongue confess:
For lo! His standard is unfurled—
We claim for Christ a ransomed world.

St. Louis, February 10, 1888.

THE new church in Wallace, Kansas, was dedicated Jan. 22d, Brother Broad preaching the sermon. It is an attractive and well located structure 40 by 26, with tower, and cost with furniture \$2,000. Only about \$170 is unpaid on the building which is nearly covered by subscriptions. The small remaining amount due on the pews and organ is to be paid in installments by this energetic church and community. Much credit for this good financial exhibit is due to the pastor, Rev. Thos. Marsh, who has labored with untiring zeal both in the temporal and spiritual interests of the church. On the same lot with the church, is a neat parsonage costing about \$1,000, which was mostly contributed by the Connecticut Woman's Home Missionary Union. Sunday, Jan. 22d, was a joyful day for this new, earnest, and most westerly of our churches in the central portion of Kansas.

REV. GEORGE BELSEY, of Lead City, Dakota, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the new Congregational Church of Kane, Pa. This church, which was organized on the 29th of last December, with a membership of twenty-five, now numbers forty. They start out with the determination to "run alone" and do without aid from the Home Missionary Society. They have purchased for \$1,100 a fine corner lot, on which they intend to build. Plans have been adopted for a building to seat 300, on which work will be commenced right away.

It is hoped to dedicate free of debt, and to this end the friends are making great efforts. It will, however, be a great struggle, and help from the sister churches will be thankfully received by the pastor, or A. Y. Jones, Clerk.

A CONTRIBUTION in gold was sent by a Sunday-school in Northampton, Mass., (Mr. F. R. Drake, Superintendent), to a home missionary Sunday-school in Howard City, Dak., about which we have a pleasant message from the pastor. He says: "Yesterday I gave my Sunday-school that twenty dollars from Northampton. I presented it in the form of a story, and no suspicion was awakened until I handed out the gold piece. You should have heard the expressions of delighted surprise. The superintendent tried to respond, but his eyes filled with tears, and he almost broke down. The school passed a hearty vote of thanks, and a copy of that resolution has been sent to the school at Northampton."

THE TABERNACLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Joplin, Mo., Rev. J. Wesley Johnson, pastor, has recently been reopened with very impressive services. The improvements have added very much to the appearance, comfort and convenience of the church. The building has been newly carpeted, repainted, and fitted up in a style worthy of the pastor and congregation. Great credit is due the Ladies' Society, under whose auspices the new improvements have been carried on.

Woman's Department.

"The work of our hands—establish Thou it"
 How often with thoughtless lips we pray;
 But He who sits in the heaven shall say,
 "Is the work of your hands so fair and fit
 'That ye dare so pray?'"

Softly we answer, "Lord, make it fit—
 The work of our hands, that so we may
 Lift up our eyes and dare to pray,
 "The work of our hands—establish thou it,"
 Forever and aye "

THE list of Woman's Home Missionary Organizations may be found, hereafter, upon the last page of the Magazine; also, the list of States not yet organized. Would it not be encouraging and helpful to each new society, when it joins the sisterhood, to receive an official letter of welcome and sympathy from those already organized?

THE Woman's Fund for Missionary Salaries may be found at the close of the receipts.

A NEW feature of the annual meeting of our Woman's Department at Saratoga in June, will be an address to young ladies by the authoress of that attractive leaflet, "Coming Out." There is also a pleasant prospect of good speakers from the field. Young ladies, let us welcome *you* to Saratoga this year.

OUR faith has been greatly strengthened of late by the steady increase of intelligent interest in Home Missions, among the women of these United States. In 1886, we, representing the fourteen Home Missionary Organizations of this country, appealed to other States to join the noble sisterhood. Iowa, alone, responded. In 1887, we were permitted to extend greetings to the new Nebraska Union, only. Nevertheless, the seed sown during these waiting years did not perish, and our hearts are made glad by the addition of two new Unions within two months. Would that this experience might continue in the months to come, until the women of our forty-four States and Territories shall thus have clasped hands for God and our Native Land!

Another cause for thanksgiving is an increasing desire among women for a more intelligent comprehension of the present needs of our land. In the old times we ignored any need of a Home Missionary which could not be met with the scissors and needle. We did not study, or even read

missionary literature. The soul, mind, and body were absorbed in preparing, packing, and sending away multiplied boxes into missionary homes.

What change has come over us? Simply this: While we send *not one box less* to relieve the pressing needs of the missionary, we have begun to study about his field, his work—all the fields, and all the work of this Society, and of its sister societies who stand together with this, to meet the present crisis in our land. Moreover, we are not satisfied simply to provide the missionary with clothing, we want to make him our REPRESENTATIVE in the field. We want to feel that through him, we are at work there, and so we become responsible for the whole or a part of his salary.

This intelligent interest is revealed to us by a constantly increasing demand for our literature. We cannot but hope that its liberal distribution, may, during the coming year, bring enlarged gifts to our treasury.

FLORIDA!

LAST December, Florida asked this question: "How shall we go to work to form a State Union?" With hearty alacrity each sister Union of the sixteen organizations, furnished the applicant with the story of its own methods and experiences. Then came this:—

"Winter Park, Fla. Jan. 20, 1888.—The ladies of the Home Missionary Society of this place passed a vote of thanks, at their last meeting, for the encouraging and helpful words so kindly sent to us, with leaflets, reports, and suggestions from the various State Unions. We are probably the youngest band of home missionary workers, and we ask a continued interest in your prayers. We hope soon to form a State Union. *Mrs. L. W. Capen, Sec.*"

"March 13, 1888.—During the meeting of the Congregational Association, held at Interlachen, A FLORIDA WOMAN'S STATE H. M. UNION was formed. President, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville; Vice-President, Mrs. R. T. Hall, Jacksonville; Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Partridge, Longwood; Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park. It is our desire to become a recognized member of the family.

Florida is a big State, and has thirty-five Congregational churches, for the most part small and feeble, only one of which is self-supporting; but it is our aim to have an auxiliary in every one of them. Please wheel us into line!—*Mrs. N. Barrows, Sec.*"

We have been watching somewhat anxiously for this Florida Union. Would the courage of these few consecrated women hold out to organize for State work, in a field so immense, with so scant a supply of laborers? We seem to hear the Master's voice: "O, woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee, even as thou wilt." With grateful hearts we joyously "wheel" you "into line," and give you the united greetings of the sisterhood.

HOW CALIFORNIA CAME INTO LINE.

A FEW moments before the "copy" of the April *Home Missionary* went to the printer, came the joyful tidings that CALIFORNIA women had joined the ranks of those who believe in organized effort for the redemption of our land. We are now furnished with the method by which this happy result was accomplished.

A Woman's Home Missionary Society was formed in the First Congregational Church of Oakland, Nov. 12, 1886. The meetings constantly increased in interest, which was intensified by the reading of missionary letters at each session. Monthly envelopes were obtained and distributed,—and at the first annual meeting they were able to report \$259.80.

A new impulse was given to this little band of home missionary women by the presence, and inspiring words of Mrs. E. S. Williams, President of the Minnesota W. H. M. Society.

Undoubtedly the Oakland society was the nucleus, and origin of the State society. These devoted women were in earnest, and this is the way they went to work: a few weeks before the meeting of the General Association of California they prepared and sent seventy-six packages to seventy-six Congregational pastors in the State. Each package contained a copy of the report of the Woman's Department of the A. H. M. S., some of our best leaflets, and a strong appeal for a Woman's State Organization. Of course they were successful! At that meeting the California W. H. M. Society sprang into being. Its organization was fully completed at an adjourned meeting in November, 1887, and its first quarterly meeting was held last February. The thirteen earnest women who braved a heavy storm to attend this meeting, spent most of the time in devotional exercises. The first five auxiliaries were reported, as having been organized in the First, and Plymouth Avenue Congregational Churches of Oakland, Golden Gate, Saratoga, and Grass Valley. May long life, and spiritual prosperity attend this child of faith and prayer!

MINNESOTA.

THIS W. H. M. S. which took the lead in woman's work for Home Missions in 1872 has recently added fresh interest to the cause by a successful annual home missionary mass meeting, for the women of Minneapolis. The secretary, Mrs. Chase, tells us that they draped three large United States flags high up on the wall of the church, facing the audience, and beneath them, ten different foreign flags,—the Chinese dragon forming a striking center piece among the latter. There was telegraphic greeting "from the City of the Angels,—the present retreat of their president—to the angels of the Minneapolis churches in their heavenly mission."

Mrs. Jenkins in her address "Our Sunday-schools for missions," took the ground that every Sunday-school should be a Mission Band,—an advance upon the plan of "a mission band *in* every Sunday-school." The president, Mrs. Williams, sent a "*good paper*," from California, entitled, "E Pluribus Unum" showing that through Christ alone could our present "pluribus" (so much more truly pluribus than the original one), be made "unum." The foreign work of the society was represented by Mr. Montgomery, Mrs. Coleman, Miss Elwell, Mrs. Torrey, and Miss Fanny Bocek. In the French department they received communications from Secretary Coit, Treasurer Palmer, and Mr. Amaron of Massachusetts. The exercises included speakers in behalf of the A. M. A., the N. W. E. Com., and the A. C. U. Much interest and gratification were expressed by the large audience. This Woman's Union has determined to raise \$5,000 this year for the A. H. M. S.

TO THE POINT.

THE New Nebraska W. H. M. U. gives its plan of work as follows: (1) Subscription list passed around. (2) Envelope system. Pledge a sum payable at each society meeting. (3) A Missionary Box in the home as an object lesson. To know about the work, subscribe for *The Nebraska Congregational News*, and *The Home Missionary*.

THE PERSEVERANCE OF ONE SAINT.—A lady in Meriden, Ct.—*not* a lady of "elegant leisure"—determined to comfort the hearts of a few home missionaries with the luxury of the "Sunday School Times," fresh from the office. After some thinking and writing, walking and talking, she has succeeded in furnishing sixty-eight home missionaries with this valuable paper, *fresh and new*, and has also sent three complete files of the same paper to an institution at the front. Each missionary will doubtless appreciate this effort, but he will think all the more of the gift because of *the letter*, which she also found time to write, showing her thorough interest in his work.

A PRECIOUS SERVICE.

MISSIONARY LIFE on the frontier is not all sunshine, neither is it all shadow. This has certainly been a hard winter, and to keep an appointment with an eighteen mile ride before you, with the thermometer twenty or more degrees below zero, has required a good deal of moral, as well as physical courage; but now that the backbone of winter is broken, we are looking forward to the summer work with renewed interest.

I would like to take the readers of *The Home Missionary* with me on a visit to the home of one of the pioneers of this great Northwest, in one of the three fields of which my husband has charge. We must take a drive of six miles from our home here, before reaching this home. We find the head of the house, the good old deacon, who has lived the allotted time of man, prostrated upon a bed of sickness, we fear never to rise again. About twenty persons have gathered ready for a short preaching service and at its close to take into the membership of the little church, two of the number, a son of the deacon, and his wife. The latter is in the prime of life, but the dread disease, consumption, has placed its stamp upon her, and a few short weeks, perhaps days, are all that is left to her of this life. It could not help but be a precious meeting to us, for with these two so near the border of the spirit land, it almost seemed as if we caught a glimpse into the unseen world. The sweet communion service brought the blessed Savior very near. We hope this may be but the beginning of greater things for this little church, and with an addition of twelve to one of the other two churches, we cannot but feel that God's blessing has followed the work of the past.—*Mrs. D. W. Morgan, Detroit, Minn.*

Our Young People.

You will notice, that with this number, *The Home Missionary* celebrates her sixty-first birthday. I hope you are better acquainted with your venerable friend than you have ever been before. And now, during the coming year, be very faithful to her. Read her messages to you. Try and carry out her plans to help this great Society which belongs to *you* as much as it belongs to your father and mother. Look up the places on the map, about which you read. Be true PATRIOTS—and study your own land. Find out what is going on here. Don't be content to read the Young People's Department, only. Read the whole. Take up one State at a time, and make a study of it. Write to the editor about your mission circle. Answer the questions. Send your pennies to the treasurer, and do all this for Christ's sake.

BANNER STATE THIS MONTH.

IN CONTRIBUTIONS—MASSACHUSETTS.

IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—NEW HAMPSHIRE.

DURING this year the Banner State will be that State whose young people send the greatest number of answers to the Questions, and the largest contributions in money. As we shall close up the account every month, all the States have equal opportunity to be represented.

HOME MISSIONARY NEWS.

WE shall try this year to furnish you with a monthly chapter of missionary news, which will contain all that *we* know of what our young people are doing for Home Missions. If *you* have any items of interest, please send them to the editor.

In Minneapolis, Minn., the young people have a "Help-one-another Club." They hold meetings, and give in "testimonies" which must be very interesting.

Two boys in Norwalk, Ct., send fifty cents "for the debt." They think it will, at least, go a little way to help, and by and by they hope to send more.

The little daughter of a German missionary in Minnesota sends us \$1.00, and says, "You may put it where most needed. I earned it all myself running errands. My wish is that God will bless every cent of it. I pray that God will bless *The Home Missionary*, and the Home Missionary Society."

A ten-year-old boy in Fitchburg sends \$1.00 and says, "I would like to give you more, but I belong to the 'Earnest Workers,' and have to give my money to them, so I can't afford to give you any more just now, but you will hear from me again by and by."

This from four children in Suffield, Ct., the youngest of whom prints his name in very large capitals. It is written to Mr. Schauffler: "Mamma has been reading to us about your Bible Readers' school for Bohemians, and that you need more money for it. We pity those poor Bohemians, and we want to help them. So with papa's and mamma's help we make up one dollar for you. We hope a great many of those Bohemian children will learn to love Jesus."

Harwinton, Ct., is a country place, and the houses are scattered over the hills; therefore it is very difficult to get about among the people, and raise money for missionary work. A lady there has a Sunday-school class of twelve boys. She has formed them into a club, called "The Try in Earnest Club." These Try-in-Earnest boys go over the hills to those scattered houses and collect money for Home Missions. They like to go, and the people like to have them come.

The "Joyful Workers," of Spokane Falls, W. T.,—Rosine M. Edwards, Secretary,—send us \$4.75. They organized in May, 1887. The society is composed of girls from ten to twenty years old, and their aim is to help the missionary cause. As their church is a home missionary church they give one half of their money to that. The girls are getting up an entertainment to raise money enough to buy a communion service for this little church. The young secretary says that when they break their jugs they will send us some more money.

The "Mount Hermon Band" of boys, in Ware, Mass., are not yet tired of home missionary work. In fact, they are more wide awake than ever, and continually devising new ways to raise money for the good cause. Their recent temperance entertainment was a complete success. They delighted the audience with music and recitations, ending the good time with a temperance dialogue, and ice cream. Admission ten cents. They cleared fifty-three dollars. *Somebody* must have been glad to rest, when it was over, and we suspect it was the devoted lady who has these boys in charge. A pleasant letter from the secretary, Hugh M. Scott, assures us of their warm interest in our work. He says they have been studying about the Bohemian boys, and have raised some money for the Bohemian work, also for the French work. These "Mount Hermon" boys have a bright red card, on which is printed "Mount Hermon Band, Honorary Member," which they sell to older people for twenty-five cents. We have yet to learn to what privileges the "Honorary Member" is entitled, but we do know that he is not allowed to vote!

WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING.

FROM A YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION CIRCLE:—I am authorized by our Mission Circle to write you what we have been doing the past winter. We took up for a topic, China, and have had some very interesting meetings, about the Chinese—their manners, their customs, and their religion, which teaches that man has two or three souls, and that they lived in several different beasts and reptiles before they came into a human body. The last state of the soul is sleep, and that is called Nirvana. We hope that they may soon know of the true God, and live for him, and learn to pray to him instead of to their idols. The young people are getting roused up, so that they are coming and joining the circle, and now we have a membership of about one hundred. We gave a very successful entertainment on Thursday evening, February 23d; the programme was our regular Chinese recitations, etc., after which we served ice cream and cake to a full house.—*Jonathan Simmons, Sec., Gilbertville, Mass.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

THE following correct answers to our list of questions, are furnished by Jessie Lane, Detroit, Mich., Harris Hubbard, Iroquois, Dak., and "The Lois Jewett Club," Webster, N. H.

31. Where has Superintendent Albrecht gone?

A. Niigata, Northern Japan.

32. What is the name of the new Superintendent, who has taken his place?

A. Rev. Moritz E. Eversz.

33. What Society does this Magazine represent?

A. The American Home Missionary Society.

34. Are you trying to help this Society?

A. Yes.

35. Why?

A. Because of the good work which this Society has been doing for so many years, and the great need that this work should be carried on. —“*The Lois Jewett Club.*”

36. How are you helping this Society?

A. By giving our time, money, sympathy, and prayers.

37. How old is the American Home Missionary Society?

A. Sixty-two years old.

38. In what year was it born?

A. May 10, 1826.

39. Were there any other home missionary societies in our country, then?

A. There were.

40. What were their names?

A. The Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians, and others in North America; The Missionary Society of Connecticut; The Berkshire and Columbia Missionary Society; and The Massachusetts Missionary Society. There were a few other local societies in New England and New York.

41. Where did these societies send missionaries?

A. Some sent them into destitute parts of their own States, some to northern parts of New England, and some to the banks of the Mississippi.

44. Why was the American Home Missionary Society started?

A. Because a more economical, and much better system was needed to support the missionaries, and build churches in the western States and Territories.

43. Who first suggested such a society?

A. Nathaniel Bouton.

44. Where was he going at the time?

A. From Andover to Newburyport, Mass.

45. In what was he riding?

A. A stage-coach.

46. Who were his companions?

A. Several theological students.

47. What effect did his suggestion have upon these companions?

A. They became very much interested, talked about the subject a good deal during the ride in the stage-coach, and afterwards wrote about it in the newspapers.

One young girl answers question 36 in this way: "I hope I help the Home Missionary Society when I let my mamma go away to speak, and do not make any fuss about it."

48. Why did certain eminent ministers of New England go to Boston, Mass., Jan. 11, 1826?

49. In what city was The American Home Missionary Society formed?

50. How many people came together to form it, and in what church did they meet?

AUNT NABBY'S PROPOSITION.

Do you remember Aunt Nabby's proposition to you on "The Home Missionary's birthday" just one year ago? Let me recall it, that I may tell you what came of it.

A mother gave her little boy two bright new pennies and asked him what he was going to do with them. After a moment's thought the child replied, "I am going to give one to the missionaries, and with the other I am going to buy a stick of candy." After a while he returned from his play and told his mother that he had lost one of the pennies. "Which did you lose?" she asked. "I lost the missionary penny," he promptly replied.

When Aunt Nabby read this in *The Home Missionary*, she took off her glasses and put on her "thinking cap." It seemed to her that a great many missionary pennies had been lost in this way. So she wrote a letter to the young people who read "The Home Missionary," advising them to make the same "divide" of all the pennies given to them, or earned, that this little fellow did, but to be sure and have a good strong box to drop the *Missionary* penny into, so that it couldn't get lost, before the time came to send it to the Home Missionary Society. Then she promised on *The Home Missionary's* next birthday—ten cents to each of the *first ten boys and girls* who should respond to this appeal.

And now comes a letter from Windsor Locks, Ct., telling of the first ten boys and girls who accepted Aunt Nabby's proposition. How did it happen that they were all from one town? It seems that their minister's wife went to the great meeting of this Society, at Saratoga, last June. When she came home she wanted to raise some money for a suffering family in Dakota, so she placed a missionary box on a shelf in the dining room, and every time any member of the family left the door open between the dining room and kitchen, a contribution must be put into that box. When it was opened they found in it, *ten dollars!* The children in that place became quite enthusiastic over Aunt Nabby, and so a young woman living in the minister's family made ten fancy boxes for those who wished to accept her proposition. Of course the old lady has kept her promise, and the minister's wife says she is making preparations to invite these ten boys and girls to the parsonage, give

them each the extra ten cents, read them a letter from Aunt Nabby, and the story of "The Easter Penny" from the December *Home Missionary*. After which she will serve them with hot chocolate and other good things. My impression is that these young people expect to follow the "Easter Penny" plan during the coming year.

THE MISSIONARY BARREL.

SOME time ago I received a letter from a young lady in Cambridge, Ill., informing me that a Society of Young Ladies would like to send me a "barrel." Would such a barrel as a young society could send be acceptable? From the letter one would have thought that the barrel might have been removed from the station without the aid of even a hand-cart! Two days before Christmas I took that barrel on a pair of bob sleighs down to the parsonage.

It was a family opening. You can imagine how pleased we were to receive good warm clothing for each member of the family. I went to church, and saw the old year out, dressed in a new suit of clothes. Among many other gifts my wife received a new bonnet. I often hear the expression among the people, "How very becoming!" In point of fact it seems to me to be one of the most becoming bonnets she ever wore. Dresses and other garments were snugly packed in. We found a doll, called Ida, and a new cradle, and scrap-books, and a harmonica, etc. The doll has received a vast amount of attention, and the harmonica is a source of continual pleasure to our little boy.

Perhaps one of the most pleasing incidents in connection with the barrel was the initiation of our little four-year-old son into coat and pants. After donning his new suit he put up his left hand, and in imitation of our church service, pronounced the benediction. I have penned these lines to assure our young friends that there is great joy in the reception of a good barrel; and if our joy is great, and our gratitude goes forth, your joy must indeed be great, who with nimble fingers and willing, loving hearts, remembered us so generously at Christmastide.—*A Home Missionary in Dakota.*

The monthly statement of the "Young People's Bohemian Fund," will be found at the close of the Receipts.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Two little eyes to look to God;
Two little ears to hear his word;
Two little feet to walk his ways;
One little mouth to sing his praise;
Two little hands to do his will,
And one little heart to love him still.

American College and Education Society.

REV. JOHN A. HAMILTON, D.D., *Secretary*.

REV. THEODORE Y. GARDNER, *Western Secretary*.

JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., *Treasurer*.

10 Congregational House, Boston.

[Money for the Society may be sent to JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; or to REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., 84 Bible House, New York.]

COLORADO COLLEGE.—Colorado College is located centrally in a State which has the material basis for a large population and great power. The area of the State would cover Switzerland six times and leave a remnant as large as New Hampshire, physically. The location of the college at Colorado Springs is all that could be desired. The climate, the scenery, and the society are of the best. For foundation, the college has a campus of thirty acres, and a valuable reservation of twenty acres. These were donated by Colorado people. On the campus is a fine college building. This is of stone, and was erected by the liberality of the citizens. There is a library of about six thousand volumes; various scientific apparatus; and a thorough outfit for assaying, and metallurgical illustrative work. The courses of instruction are four, of which two are preparatory. The classical course corresponds to that of the better class of our eastern colleges. The college is distinctively Christian, but not sectarian. It has a responsible Board of Trustees.

Colorado people have honored themselves by their generous gifts to the college. They are now planning to meet a certain special and imperative need; that is, to build a Ladies' Hall, and Club House, from lack of which the college is at great disadvantage. Surely, the noble devotion of the friends of the college, east and west, who, knowing, many of them very intimately, its history, its condition and its needs; and who, seeing, beyond the limitations of the present, the grand college that is to be, have stood by it in all weathers, and will continue to stand by it, is the strongest possible testimony to its worth. All the friends of Christian education who desire to see Colorado College solidly set up for its work are invited to take hold together, that the college may secure the amount of endowment now needed. Two hundred thousand dollars would place this college on an excellent footing.

Gifts and pledges and remembrance in wills are invited.—*Address Prof. G. N. Marden, 13 Tremont Place, Boston, Mass.*

ONE of the two great objects of The American College and Education Society is to aid deserving young men in preparing for the Christian ministry. In its history of seventy years its beneficiaries have numbered more than 7,000. They have been among the most able, and consecrated representatives of the pulpit of the older States, and foremost in the establishment of churches in the new West.

Appointments in March, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Bears, Alfred H., Lead City, So. Dak.
 Brodhead, W. Henry, Denver, Colo.
 Brown, William M., Blue Rapids, Kan.
 Crawford, J. C., Nickerson and out-station, Kan.
 Davies, David M., Beaver, New Cambria and Ebenezer, Mo.
 De Long, D. D., Arkansas City, Kan.
 De Long, Thomas W., Ainsworth, Neb.
 Dickinson, Samuel W., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Gilman, William L., Harmon, Colo.
 May, Jacob, York and Sutton, Neb.
 Nelson, Andrew H., Marinette, Menomonee and Minnekaune, Wis.
 Rogers, Alonzo, Blair, Neb.
 Rouse, Fred T., West Superior, Wis.
 Runyan, William S., Grass Valley, Michigan Valley and Rose Bush, Or.
 Stowell, Alexander D., No. Lawrence and Stockholm Depot, N. Y.
 Thompson, Gilbert T., Nicholas Junction, Mo.

Re-commissioned.

Barnes, George B., Hankinson, Forman and Harlem, No. Dak.
 Battey, George J., Canova, Carthage and out-stations, So. Dak.
 Bickford, Levi F., Olivewood and Monk Hill, So. Cal.
 Cole, Henry H., Tucson, Ariz.
 Eada, William B., Coloma, Mich.
 Davies, James, Pullman and Union Flat, Wash. Ter.
 Dawson, William E., Seattle, Wash. Ter.

Drake, Andrew J., Iroquois, Esmond and vicinity, So. Dak.
 Eldridge, John W., Beaverton, Or.
 Griffiths, Griffith, Alturas, So. Fork, Canby and Centerville, Cal.
 Hall, Russell T., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Hobart, Miss Clara, Cleveland, Ohio.
 Hood, E. Lyman, Santa Fe, New Mex.
 Houlding, Horace W., Prescott, Ariz.
 Jewell, J. Spencer, Albuquerque, New Mex.
 Johnson, Alfred P., Springfield, Mo.
 Keene, Aaron H., New England City, No. Dak.
 Kelsey, Lyander, Washougal, Mt. Pleasant and out-stations, Wash. Ter.
 Killip, Robert, Crested Butte, Colo.
 Knight, Horace B., Bremen, Ind.
 Loomis, Eli R., Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.
 Mathews, Robert J., Hamilton, Mo.
 Pearson, Samuel, West Cedar Valley and Orford, Neb.
 Read, Eugene B., Montrose, Colo.
 Rodberg, John P., Maple Rapids, Brunswick and Mora, Minn.
 Rood, John, Forest Mills, Lake City, Zumbrota and Roscoe, Minn.
 Ruddock, Edward N., Villard, Minn.
 Sanborne, George M., St. Louis, Mo.
 Scottford, Henry C., Kansas City, Mo.
 Stone, Sidney, Ada, Minn.
 Taylor, Horace J., Anacortes, Wash. Ter.
 Tuttle, Charles J., Clare, Dover and out-station, Mich.
 Walton, Richard C., Highmore, So. Dak.
 Wolfe, Joseph, Whatcom, Wash. Ter.
 Wheeler, William C., Alma, McFarland and vicinity, Kan.

Receipts in March, 1888.

The following statement includes the amounts paid directly into the Treasury, together with those reported by Auxiliaries, as expended in their fields during the last Missionary year. The sums expended by Auxiliaries within their bounds are marked (*).

MAINE—\$318.68.

Maine Missionary Society	*\$17,906 08
Auburn, H. F. B. Root	10 00
Bangor, Interest on the Kittredge Fund, by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Maine Miss. Soc.	150 00
Brownville, by Rev. W. H. McBride	7 30
Bucksport, Miss J. H. Homer	23 00
Mallowell, Miss S. B. Gilman, \$10; Mrs. S. Page, \$10	30 00
Kennebunkport, Union Ch. and Soc., by J. Titcomb	36 23
Machias, Center Street Ch., by A. L. Heaton	6 85
Norridgewock, A Friend	5 00
Orono, Cong. Ch., Dea. E. Mansfield, by Rev. C. B. Wathen	25 00
Portland, Friends of the Bethel Ch.	5 00
Sherman Mills, Washburn Memorial Ch., by I. C. Bumpus	5 00
Somerseset Co., A Friend	10 00
Waldoboro, Mrs. H. H. Lovell	10 00
Union, Mrs. S. L. Norcross	8 80
Yarmouth, Miss G. H. Young	1 50

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$4,122.36; of which Legacies, \$5,600.12.

New Hampshire Missionary Society. *\$11,708 16

Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. N.

H. H. M. Soc.:		
Concord, First	\$4 00	
A Friend	200 00	
Hampstead	18 00	
Hampton	7 00	
Mason, Mrs. F. W. Wilson	4 00	
Peterborough, Union Evan. Ch.	40 00	
Temple, Cong. Sunday-school	11 34	\$294 34
Alstead, Miss E. Gorham		5 00
Bennington, Miss E. Whittemore, by T. C. Whittemore		5 00
Bethlehem, Mrs. B. F. Winch, in full, to const. her a L. M., by Rev. N. P. Philbrook		10 00
Campton, Two Friends		5 00
Center Ossipee, by Rev. N. M. Bailey		20 00
Concord, First Ch., by the Rev. F. D. Ayer, to const. Miss E. A. Folger and Mrs. J. C. Ordway L. Ms.		100 00
On account of Legacy of James McQuestion, by Messrs. Dole and Stevens, Ex's		3,601 00
Chesterfield Factory, O. J. Butterfield		10 00
Epping, F. W. Spaulding and family for Debt		8 00
Exeter, Second Cong. Ch., by Miss E. A. Chadwick, \$14.00; special, \$19 ..		24 00

Goffstown, A Friend for the Debt.....	\$29 00	For Slavic dept., Oberlin.....	\$98 78
Hampton Falls and Seabrook, Ch., \$815; Rev. J. Kimball, \$10, by W. H. Batchelder.....	18 15	For Work among Foreigners in the West.....	4,500 00
Hanover, A Friend.....	10 00	Dr. Dexter.....	50 00
Hill, Mrs. E. M. Butler, by Rev. V. W. Blackman.....	5 00	Agawam, A Lady.....	2 00
Hinsdale, C. W. Clark, in full, to const. C. P. Hall a L. M.....	7 67	Amherst, North Ch.....	10 00
Hillsborough Bridge, by Rev. D. W. Goodale.....	17 25	Andover, Edward Taylor.....	20 00
Caroline M. Bromham, to const. Rev. A. B. Dascomb a L. M.....	50 00	A Friend.....	5 00
Jaffrey, Mrs. G. A. Phelps.....	6 23	Ashburnham, A Friend.....	50
Isabon, Mary R. Cummings.....	4 00	Ashfield, S. Williams.....	3 00
Lyme, Legacy of Marinda M. Emmons, by C. F. Kingsbury, Ex.....	1,799 18	Bedford, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. G. Webber.....	25 00
Manchester, J. W. J.....	20 00	Dea. J. P. George.....	2 00
Mason, Rev. C. F. Crathern, \$1; Rev. David Goodwin, \$1; Mrs. H. B. Homer, \$1; Mrs. C. B. Goodwin, \$1; Mrs. L. J. Goodwin, \$1, by Rev. D. Goodwin.....	5 00	Berkley, A few Friends, by A. E. Dean.....	50 00
A Friend.....	5 00	Beverly, On account of Legacy of J. Lovett, by C. T. Lovett, Ex.....	250 00
Milford, R. Mansfield, for Debt.....	2 00	Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., by Miss Sarah K. Burgess, Treas., special for Salary Fund.....	195 00
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A Friend.....	1 40
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Stonington, A Friend.....	5 00
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Chicago, Leavitt Street Ch..... \$2 86
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Union, Second Ch..... 10 50

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L. H. M. S. of Pilgrim Ch.....	77 50
Verdella, Ladies H. M. S. of Pilgrim Ch.....	1 00
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Kansas City, First Ch., by J. F. Downing.....	246 00
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Hon. W. Currier.....	381 00
Sedalia, by W. H. Van Wagner.....	100 00
Springfield, by A. R. Sprague.....	110 05
Windsor, by Rev. F. W. Hullinger.....	40 06
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MICHIGAN—\$3,798.87.

Received by Rev. L. Warren.	
Alamo, Dea. Julius Hackley.....	20 00
Armada, Sunday-school.....	15 00
Alpine and Walker.....	20 00
Barry and Johnstown.....	7 65
Bedford.....	15 25
Clinton, add'l.....	5 00
Cooper, Young Ladies' Soc.....	15 00
Covert, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 00
Delta.....	9 00
Dexter.....	18 00
East Tawas.....	3 25
East Gilead, Rev. L. Curtiss.....	3 00
Frankfort.....	4 75
Galesburgh, A Friend.....	50 00
Gaylord.....	10 10
Grand Rapids, First.....	200 00
Irving.....	4 30
Jerome.....	3 50
Lansing, Ch.....	179 23
Leroy.....	27 15
Leelle.....	13 89
Lowell.....	27 50
Manistee, A. H. Lyman.....	5 00
Manistee.....	30 00
Muskegon, Ch., add'l.....	3 59
Nashville, "Contributor".....	5 00
Owosso.....	18 54
Portland.....	46 33
Reed City.....	25 00
Sandstone.....	17 05
Shelby.....	6 00
Tawas City.....	2 40
Vermontville, Sunday-school and Individuals.....	11 00
Waconata.....	13 00
West Adrian.....	30 00
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	\$934 50

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Alba.....	\$9 00
Alamo, Pledge cards.....	7 50
Allegan, in full, to const. Mrs. Sarah Tyler a L. M. S.....	38 00
Allendale, W. H. and F. M. S.....	6 00
Alpena.....	11 80
Ann Arbor, General fund \$11.50; special \$5.....	16 50

Athens, Women of the Ch.....	\$5 00
Chesterfield, Mite Boxes.....	1 80
Coloma.....	5 00
Detroit, W. M. S. Fort Wayne Ch., \$5; Helping Hand Soc., \$1.....	6 00
Dexter.....	7 00
Dowagiac.....	10 00
Farwell.....	3 00
Flint, Y. P. M. S.....	20 00
Frankfort.....	5 00
Galesburg, W. H. and F. M. S. Mite Boxes, \$18.95; Bea- con Fund, \$1.05.....	20 03
Grand Rapids, W. H. M. S. Park Cong. Ch.....	56 00
Penny collection Ind. Cong. Ch.....	6 62
Grandville, Women of the Ch.....	5 00
Greenville, General fund, \$14.20; Hunter Horse Fund 10c.; Young People's Chris- tian Society, \$10; Mrs. R. S. Ellsworth, \$5.....	29 30
W. H. M. S. of Woodward Avenue Ch., to const. Mrs. B. M. Wilcox a L. M.....	75 00
Hancock.....	35 00
Hartford.....	3 20
Lake Linden.....	10 70
Litchfield, special.....	12 30
Lowell.....	31 00
Muskegon, Mrs. R. S. Thomp- son, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
New Baltimore.....	5 00
North Adams.....	10 00
Perry, \$9; Children's Mission Band, \$3.....	12 00
Portland, Fanny Wadsworth S. St. Johns.....	5 00
St. Joseph.....	4 00
Sand Beach, Mrs. C. L. Nims.....	11 00
Shelby.....	10 00
Stanton.....	5 00
Three Oaks.....	13 50
Vernon.....	6 00
Vicksburg, W. H. M. S., \$12; Bany Bees M. S., \$2.....	10 45
West Adrian, L. M. S.....	14 00
Ypsilanti.....	10 00
North Star Mission:	
Litchfield, Sunday- school.....	\$5 80
Ludington, Sunday- school.....	5 00
Maple Rapids, Sunday- school.....	1 80
Napoleon, Sunday- school.....	3 80
Portland, Mrs. White's Sunday-school class.....	1 00
Romeo, Juveniles of the Sunday-school.....	2 30
Salem, Sunday-school.....	5 00
Stanton, Sunday- school.....	12 60
Ypsilanti, Sunday- school.....	3 80
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By Mrs. E. F. Grabill, add'l.	
Bangor.....	\$4 00
Benzonia, Pledges of W. M. S.....	5 98
Carson City.....	7 00
Covert, L. M. S. \$10.18; Chil- dren's Mission M. S., \$1.97.....	12 10
Detroit, Ladies' Union, Second Ch.....	50 00
Duncan City.....	3 00
Dundee.....	5 00
Edmore, Ladies.....	6 00
Galesburg, Y. L. M. S.....	10 00
Grand Blanc, \$17.07; for Bea- con Fund, \$1.05.....	18 72

Grand Rapids, W. M. S., Second Ch.	\$5 30	
Highland Station	5 00	
Hubbardston	7 65	
Kalkaska, \$2.55; Willing Workers, \$3.	4 55	
Laingsburgh	3 50	
Lansing	10 00	
Owosso Home Miss. Band, \$5; Mite Boxes, \$5.52	10 52	
Somerset	9 32	
North Star Mission:		
Augusta, Sunday-school	\$7 50	
Bedford, Collection	10 00	
Carson City, Sunday-school	3 00	
East Saginaw, Sunday-school	22 00	
Grand Blanc, Sunday-school	31 00	
Kalkaska, Sunday-school	3 00	
Lansing, Mrs. Leete's Sunday-school class of boys	3 95	
Mason City, Iowa, Mrs. Abby Blanchard	1 00	
Michigan Center, Mrs. Stewart's Sunday-school class of boys	1 30	
New York City, Rev. A. H. Clapp	5 00	
Pottersville, Sunday-school	1 80	
Richmond, Mrs. Seth Lathrop	1 00	
St. Joseph, Sunday-school of Second Ch.	5 10	
	105 65	\$362 27
Collections reported for Salary Fund:		
Hopkins Station	\$4 00	
Muskegon	15 00	
Nashville	21 50	
St. Louis	4 00	
	45 50	
Received by Rev. C. F. Van Auken:		
Essexville	\$3 12	
Hudson	43 00	
Ithaca	30 58	
North Star	3 25	
Somerset	21 44	
	90 39	
Received by Rev. F. W. Bush, for "Sugar Island Pony":		
Detour, Dr. W. B. House and others	\$9 50	
East Tawas, Rev. W. C. Allen and others	4 25	
Edmore	9 10	
Flint, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Lovell and others	8 15	
Highland Station, Rev. G. E. Lincoln	1 00	
Kalamo	2 29	
Laingsburgh, Mission Band	5 00	
Lawrence	3 00	
Perry, Mission Band of Friends	7 00	
St. Ignace, F. G. Truscott and others	7 00	
Salem, Second Ch.	5 44	
Sangatuck	20 00	
Victor, Sunday-school	4 65	
	86 29	
Ada and East Paris, by Rev. W. P. Wilcox	23 00	
Allegan, I. B. Bailey	5 00	
Athens, O. N. Hunt	20 00	
Augusta, by Rev. J. D. Shultz	14 25	
Baldwin, by Rev. R. Vivian	1 25	
Bancroft, add'l, by Rev. A. T. Waterman	4 00	

Sunday-school of Cong. Ch. by G. Kirker	2 00	
Banks, \$25.28; Eastport, \$3.94, by Rev. P. F. McClelland	29 22	
Bay Mills and Superior, by Rev. I. B. Lillie	2 80	
Bellaire, \$11.50; Central Lake, 95c., and Clam Lake, \$5.00, by Rev. H. A. Kerna	16 75	
Bellaire and Central Lake, by Rev. H. A. Kerna	12 00	
Breckenridge, \$9.15; St. Louis, \$1, by Rev. W. Woodmansee	10 15	
Bridgeport, by Rev. A. A. Wall	11 00	
Bridgman, by Rev. J. J. Bunnell	10 00	
Calumet, A. Friend	5 00	
Chase, \$15.55; Rev. J. Nicol, \$5, by Rev. J. Nicol	20 55	
Chesaning, by Rev. W. H. Millar	5 00	
Chippewa Lake, by Rev. J. B. Roberts	12 31	
Clare, by Rev. C. F. Tuttle	10 00	
Clio, \$26.25; Genesee Ch., \$13.75, by Rev. F. C. Wood	40 00	
Coloma, by Rev. W. B. Dada	22 60	
Columbus, by Rev. W. I. Hunt	25 51	
Coral, by Rev. L. P. Spelman	25 34	
Detroit, Woodward Cong. Ch., by F. D. Taylor, to const. S. N. Peck, C. C. Miller, M. D., T. A. Hubel; E. H. Crowell and Mrs. R. Gilmore L. Ma.	276 04	
Fort Wayne, Cong. Ch. by J. R. Walker	6 50	
Dundee, by Rev. C. W. Carrick	6 25	
East Lake, by Rev. H. C. Hurlbut	6 00	
Edmore, by Rev. H. Marsh	17 25	
Farwell, by Rev. T. A. Porter	10 00	
Fruitport and Nunica, by Rev. J. H. Dole	2 00	
Grand Haven, by Rev. R. Lewis	42 91	
Grandville, by Rev. G. Benford	2 64	
Greenville, T. L. Stevens, by E. F. Grabbill	30 00	
Hancock, by Rev. G. F. Waters, in full, to const. J. Ross and S. Stringer L. Ma.	26 00	
Hart, by Rev. J. E. Smith	26 65	
Hartford, \$10.90; Lawrence, \$11.25, by Rev. S. Taylor	22 15	
Hopkins, Sunday-school of Second Ch., by Rev. W. De Puy	10 00	
Hudsonville, by Rev. I. B. Jones	6 22	
Ithaca, by Rev. A. H. Norris	15 00	
Jackson, First, by W. C. Lewis	271 58	
Kalkaska, \$2.75; Excelsior, \$2, by Rev. W. Sidebotham	5 75	
Laingsburgh, by J. V. D. Wyckoff	7 50	
Lake Linden, E. Henwood	20 00	
A Friend	25 00	
Mancelona and Westwood, by Rev. B. J. Baxter	11 65	
Nashville, \$21.50; Woman's Miss. Soc., \$15.37, by Rev. F. Hurd	36 87	
Northport, \$5; Omena, \$10; Leland, \$7.12, by Rev. C. D. Banister	22 19	
Olivet, by G. W. Keyes	60 00	
Onekama, by Rev. C. H. Tickner	15 25	
Onondaga, by Rev. P. M. Crips	6 00	
Orion, by Rev. A. C. Webster	20 00	
Oxford, by Rev. J. A. Wells	5 00	
Pentwater, by Rev. L. F. Waldo	10 00	
Perry, by Rev. O. C. Bailey	5 00	
Rockford, by Rev. W. W. De Geer	10 00	
Romeo, W. Loud	10 00	
St. Ignace, by Rev. C. E. Taggart	27 95	
St. Joseph, by Rev. J. V. Hickmott	18 00	
Salem, First Ch., by M. B. Gelston	22 00	
Saranac, by Rev. M. C. Dixon	15 00	
Sault Ste. Marie, Rev. J. C. Van Auken and others for Miss's home	115 00	
Sherman, Cleon and Marilla, by Rev. R. Redcoff	22 50	
Sugar Island, by Rev. J. McGregor	6 50	
Tawas City, Mrs. M. A. Kelly	1 00	
Vermontville, First, by Mrs. M. Bale	42 55	
Mrs. W. N. Benedict	5 00	

WISCONSIN—\$75.40.

Wisconsin Home Missionary Soc.	*\$11,949 95
Baldwin's Mills, Ch., by H. S. Baldwin	15 00
Burlington, Clara Kantaky	10 00
Kenosha, by Miss E. L. Stanbridge	15 00
Menomonee Falls, T. Lewis	5 00
Pewaukee, S. Hemmings	5 00
Washburn, by Rev. G. A. Hood	20 40
Waukesha, S. H.	5 00

IOWA—\$328.55.

Iowa Home Missionary Society	*\$12,965 99
Alden, L. Burnham	5 00
Ames, Mrs. Kate Ray	5 00
Cherokee, A. Friend to const. R. A. Lewis, W. J. Coakes, Miss A. Ballard and Mrs. E. Forbes L. Ma.	200 00
Edgewood, Mrs. and Mr. N. G. Platt	10 00
Muscataine, Mrs. E. Kirby	5 00
Mary Weiman	2 60
Whitten, W. M. Hollister, by Rev. E. Adams	5 25

MINNESOTA—\$1,155.06.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Alexandria, Sunday-school	\$10 00
Brownston, W. M. S.	4 25
Cannon Falls	20 00
Clearwater, Mary and Willie Merrill, \$2; Rev. G. W. Sar- geant, \$5	5 00
Glencoe, Mrs. A. H. Tebbetts	5 00
Glyndon, Ch., \$11.65; Sunday- school, \$1.19	12 81
Medford, by D. McKinley	9 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth	207 97
Pilgrim	30 73
George H. Rust, to const. Mrs. Josephine V. Rust a L. M., \$100; Thomas Hale Williams, \$15; In Memo- riam, \$10	125 00
Rochester, Sunday-school	4 10
B. D. Toan	1 00
St. Paul, special	12 50

Minn. Woman's H. M. Soc., Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.	447 36
Anoka	10 00
Benson, Sunday-school	2 00
Elk River, W. M. S.	10 00
Fairmont, Ladies	5 00
Faribault, Officers and Teach- ers, Deaf and Dumb School	9 00
Friends	1 00
Freeborn, "Useful Workers"	25 00
Hancock and Lake Emily, M. S.	14 00
Hutchinson, Y. P. M. S., special	1 25
Lake City, W. H. M. S.	20 00
Mapleton, Ladies	4 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth W. H. M. S., to const. Miss Nettie Stevens, Miss Ella G. Beard and Miss Ella W. Bucknam, L. Ma.	131 68
Plymouth, Y. L. M. S.	11 67
Mrs. Talbot	25 00
Open Door, W. M. S. Special, \$5; Y. L. M. S., \$5	10 00
Second, Misses' Sunday- school Class	15 25
Children's Mission Band	7 50
Vine Ch., W. M. S.	10 00
Owatonna, W. M. S., \$4.71; Aux., \$20.29	25 00
St. Paul, Plymouth, W. H. M. S., \$22.65; Sunday-school, \$2.00	41 77
Atlantic, Y. L. M. S.	12 50
Bank Center, Ladies' Society, of which \$15 special	25 25
Sunday-school	8 00

Stillwater, W. M. S.	\$4 00
West Union, H. M. S.	10 00
Winona, W. H. M. S.	100 00
Zumbrota, H. M. S.	7 65
West Orin, W., Mrs. Royena E. Herrick	4 50

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Appleton, by Rev. J. T. Marvin	3 00	
Benson, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock	2 40	
Center Chain, G. R. Brown and Wife	3 25	
Janesville, by Rev. H. R. Baker	10 25	
Northfield, by C. W. Gress	61 64	
Princeton, by Rev. A. J. Hayner	4 00	
Red Wing, A. Friend	10 00	
Rochester, W. H. Knapp	5 00	
Rush City, by Rev. W. Bergstrom	3 00	
St. Cloud, W. F. Hicks	4 00	
St. Paul, Atlantic Ch., by C. S. Col- ton	6 08	
Mrs. C. M. Hyde	2 00	
Sleepy Eye, by Rev. S. M. McNeill	5 51	
Wabasha, by G. P. De Long	17 50	
Winona, by Rev. H. M. Herrick	5 50	
Anonymous	3 00	

KANSAS—\$1,125.92.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Woman's H. M. Soc.	112 88
Anthony	42 00
Ash Rock, Harmony and New Maiden	4 75
Atwood	10 00
Bird City	5 20
Diamond Springs	3 20
Douglas	9 57
Emporia, Welsh	10 00
Rev. G. T. Holyoke	5 00
Ford, Ladies' Miss. Soc.	4 20
Fort Scott	15 30
Kiowa	10 00
Lawrence, Plymouth Ch.	126 24
Manhattan	3 00
Newton	4 50
Olathe	25 00
Oneida, W. H. M. Soc.	3 00
Osawatomie	5 00
Ottawa	100 00
Paola	27 25
Salem	3 65
Seneca, Thank-offering	2 00
Sterling, Mr. Higley	5 00
Stockton, F. E. Thompson	1 00
Topeka, Rev. L. P. Broad, special	10 00
Valley Falls	17 25
Wallace	6 00
White City	15 00
Wyandotte, First	26 25

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Alma, by Rev. W. C. Wheeler	4 50
Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies	2 15
Arkansas City, by Rev. D. D. De Long	15 00
Burlington, First, by W. C. Sears	25 00
Cheney, by Rev. J. H. Lippard	5 00
Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby	6 00
Fairview, by E. W. McCune	6 70
Fairview and Iowa Union, by Rev. L. M. Bonnett	5 00
Junction City, Rev. W. C. Veasie	5 00
Kanwaka, \$2; Tonganoxie, Ch., \$2, by Rev. A. M. Richardson	5 00
Lenora, Wakeman and Glen Valley, by Rev. L. V. Siasor	1 00
Manhattan, Ch., H. Marshall, by Rev. E. M. Tunnell	5 00
Milford, by Rev. E. B. Foster	3 00
Netawaka, by Rev. R. W. Harlow	20 00
Osage City, by Rev. J. V. Jones	5 61
Partridge, by Rev. F. B. Hyde	2 20
Partridge, \$25; Sedgwick, \$11; Rush Center, \$2; by Rev. W. C. Veasie	38 20
Severy, A. F. Folgrist	1 00

Topeka, First, by H. E. Bowman, to const. F. L. Everts, G. W. Bradford, Mrs. C. L. Griffin, Mrs. O. H. Morrison, Mrs. W. A. Coats and Prof. J. T. Lovewell L. M. \$380 23
 Wabaussee, Mrs. M. E. Noyes 1 00
 Wyandotte, by Rev. W. M. Wellman 4 50

NEBRASKA—\$390.52.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maille:
 Arborville, by Rev. J. E. Storm \$36 00
 Arlington, A Friend, by Mrs. L. H. Lewis 6 00
 Ashland, by F. H. Chickering 16 07
 Camp Creek, by G. T. Lee 11 00
 Eagle, by Rev. W. S. Hills 14 00
 Friend, by Rev. W. E. Davidson 5 00
 Hastings, by Rev. W. Walters, for Lamp-lighters 20 00
 Kearney, by Rev. J. Askin 42 50
 Milford, by J. W. Blackburn 7 12
 Northwood Center, N. H., by Mrs. E. E. Wiggins 12 00
 Omaha, First, by J. C. Wilbur 150 00
 Springfield, by C. Smith 17 41
 Sutton, by W. C. Walter 10 22
 Syracuse, by Rev. E. H. Baker 5 50
 Talmage, by Rev. I. T. Hull 12 00
 York, Ch., by J. C. Kilner, \$30; Cong. Sunday-school, by H. Seymour, \$14 74 00

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.:
 Arborville \$10 00
 Lincoln, First 59 50
 Omaha, St. Mary's Avenue 5 00
 Syracuse 10 00

Blair, by E. N. Bradley 514 32
 Doniphan, by Rev. J. H. Embree 28 15
 Eagle, H. C. Wolph 5 00
 Freewater and Moline, by Rev. J. W. Hadden 2 00
 Inland, by Rev. G. Groh 1 00
 Lincoln, First, by Rev. E. S. Ralston 2 80
 Long Pine, by Rev. S. I. Hanford 100 00
 McCook, by W. F. Lawson 12 65
 New Castle, by Rev. W. J. Parker 5 80
 Norfolk, Rev. J. J. Parker 4 55
 Petersburg and West Cedar Valley, by Rev. S. Pearson 8 15
 Ravenna, by Rev. R. M. Travers 3 25
 Seward, First Ch., Birthday offering, by Rev. A. M. Darley 2 30
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NORTH DAKOTA—\$19.70.

Caledonia, Ladies' Soc., by Rev. E. H. Stickney 12 10
 Fort Abercrombie, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Rev. W. Edwards 5 60
 Sanborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donaldson, by Rev. J. W. Donaldson 2 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$151.37.

Received by Rev. D. R. Tomlin:
 Alexandria \$10 00
 Chamberlain 21 64
 Frankfort 7 28
 Redfield 20 00
 Watertown 10 00

Alexandria, \$10; Miss H. Barton, \$5, by Rev. A. T. Lyman 15 00
 Arena and Logan, by Rev. M. E. Bacon 6 25

Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger \$2 75
 Chamberlain, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard 15 00
 De Smet, by Rev. J. E. Bonney 15 25
 Dover, by Rev. J. H. Gurney 3 20
 Howard City, by Rev. I. A. Shanton 15 00
 Howard, J. E. Mallery 1 60
 Huron, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. S. Fifield 6 00
 Oahe, Shiloh Ch., by T. L. Riggs 2 00
 Scotland, F. R. M. 40

COLORADO—\$6.00.

Crested Butte, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. V. F. Axtell 6 00

MONTANA—\$30.00.

Billings, Rev. B. F. Stuart 10 00
 Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler 10 00

UTAH—\$16.25.

Ogden City, by Rev. A. J. Bailey 16 25

CALIFORNIA—\$148.67.

Auburn, by Rev. C. L. Corwin \$3 50
 Belmont, Mrs. E. L. and Miss H. Reed 20 00
 Cedarville and Fort Bidwell, by Rev. E. D. Howells 9 00
 Gold Hill, by Rev. J. H. Warren 5 00
 Los Angeles, A. M. Duncan 5 00
 Modesto, by Rev. W. O. W. Pringle 9 00
 Murphy's, by Rev. H. Chapman 15 00
 Ontario, by Rev. W. H. Wolcott 17 00
 Riverside, by Rev. T. C. Hunt 11 00
 San Francisco, Charlotte S. Barnard 10 00
 Sierra Madre, by Rev. L. H. Frary 27 67
 Westminster, by Rev. D. Goodsell 2 50
 West Point, by Rev. A. K. Crawford 14 00

OREGON—\$317.32.

Received by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D.:
 Dallas \$15 00
 Mt. Zion 2 75
 17 75

Received by James Steele, Treas. Or. and W. T. H. M. Soc.:
 Or. and Wash. Ter. Woman's Board of H. M. \$34 30
 Corvallis, Rev. G. H. Lee and wife 5 00
 East Portland, First 15 77
 Oregon City, Mrs. W. Flah, by Mrs. G. H. Atkinson 3 65
 Portland, First Ch., to const. J. Steele and F. M. Warren, Sr., L. M. 188 00
 246 72

Arlington and Pasco, by Rev. D. Wirt 47 60
 Corvallis, by Rev. G. H. Lee 4 25
 Portland, Mrs. M. D. Kelsey 1 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$107.61.

Cheney, by Rev. A. H. Howells 21 56
 East Tacoma, by Rev. S. L. Cheadle 15 00
 Seattle, by Rev. H. L. Bates 25 00
 Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards 6 00
 "Joyful Workers," in First Ch., by Roxine M. Edwards 4 75
 Walla Walla, First, by Anna Hill 17 05
 First Ch., \$13.45; Y. P. S. C. E., \$2.55 16 00
 West Ferndale, by Rev. G. Baker 2 25

HOME MISSIONARY 404 20

Expended during the year by the Auxiliaries named \$144,079 14

Received at this office, in March, 1886. 66,331 26

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. James H. Goldey, two barrels and freight.	\$201 27
Elyria, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss C. E. Crandall, two boxes and cash.	136 14
Farmington, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by F. C. Jones, barrel and box.	140 24
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, barrel.	158 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss Emma Bunce, through The Woman's Home Missionary Union of Conn., barrel and cash.	75 00
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., by Battie E. Cowles, through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Conn., barrel.	66 04
Ladies' Sew. Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. Charles H. Smith, through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Ct., box and barrel.	410 00
Littleton, N. H., Ladies' Soc., by Julia A. Eaton, box and freight.	80 00
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon, barrel, cash and freight.	106 00
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, three boxes and cash.	602 02
Ladies' Aid Soc. of United Ch., by Louise H. De Forest, two boxes.	391 78
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle Ch., by Mrs. W. D. Harper, twenty trunks.	4,429 13
State Charities Aid Assoc., bundle.	
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Ch., by Gertrude H. Linnell, through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Conn., box.	262 45
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. J. Washburn, and package from Ch. in Memphis, four barrels and package.	358 15
Salisbury, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Monroe Clark, barrel.	62 73
Springfield, Mass., Class Sixteen of First Ch. Sunday-school, by Miss L. Bates, two barrels.	75 00
Springfield, O., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Lucy R. Grant, package.	7 95
Stonington, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Second Ch., by Martha C. T. Hill, two boxes, cash and package.	212 62
Suffield, Ct., Young Ladies' S. S. Class of First Ch., by Ella M. Clark, through The Woman's Cong. H. M. Union, Conn., box.	17 50
West Hartford, Ct., Elmwood Soc., by Mrs. Fred A. Handall, barrel.	62 45
Grinnell, Iowa, by Mrs. T. O. Douglass: Charles City, box.	65 00
Clinton, box.	45 00
Davenport, box.	50 00
Denmark, box.	55 00
Des Moines, Y. H. S., box.	20 00
Dunlap, box.	40 00
Franklin, box.	15 00
Gilman and Newbury, box.	35 00
Grinnell, three boxes.	135 00
Mascatoine, box.	58 00
Onawa, box.	116 00
Ottumwa, box.	35 00
Rockford, box.	100 00
Treer, box.	60 00
Webster City, box.	25 00
Greenville, Mich., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill: Galesburg, W. H. M. S., box.	41 28
Muskegon, W. H. M. S., box and cash.	80 00
Vicksburgh, Busy Bees, quilt.	

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in March, by Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

A friend, "F."	\$ 50
Amherst, North, by S. E. Harrington, to const. Mrs. Caroline F. Dickinson and Chas. H. Kellogg L. Ms.	80 00
Sophia E. Hubbard.	5 00
Andover, South, by George Gould, for A. H. M. S.	131 25
West, by E. F. Holt.	50 00
Ashfield, by Mrs. Daniel Williams, to const. Benjamin Sears, a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	55 10
Berkley, by Rev. J. E. M. Wright.	4 00
Boston, "B. & L." for largest need, special.	10 00
Charlestown, First, A Friend.	1 00
Winthrop, by George S. Poole.	146 45
Dorchester, W. A. Dyer, for A. H. M. S. Second, by Miss E. Tolman, of wh.	5 00
\$30 for A. H. M. S.	119 17
Jamaica Plain, Central, by R. W. Wood.	100 00
Boylston St., Primary Class in S. S., by Miss Ida J. Hammerle.	5 00
Mt. Vernon, by Mrs. Susan Collins.	5 00
Several Ladies, by Mrs. J. S. Ambrose, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
South, Phillips, Mrs. A. Simonds.	25 00
Rev. Geo. F. Stanton, to const. Miss S. Augusta Dole, of Lowell, a L. M.	20 00
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.	18 81
Brimfield, First, by M. H. Corbin.	6 20
Brockton, Porter Evangl., by Geo. C. Cary, to const. Chas. A. Jenny, Frank W. Sears, and Annie G. Packard L. Ms.	111 01
Cambridge, A Friend, "H."	1 00
Cambridgeport, Wood Memorial, by Mrs. J. C. Stevens.	96
Chelsea, First, by H. W. Jeffers.	36 00
Chicago, Ill., Partial returns from W. F. Davis Suit.	148 70
Conway, Lucy E. Hale, by Rev. C. B. Rice.	3 00
Cummington, E. S. Pettengill, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Dalton, Miss C. L. Crane.	100 00
W. M. Crane.	109 00
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.	2 00
Dartmouth, South, by E. B. Sturtevant.	15 00
Dedham, First Evangl. S. S., by E. P. Burgess, for Chn. Bohm Fund.	25 00
Deerfield, Orthodox, by Rev. A. Hazen, D.D., for A. H. M. S.	27 19
South, by C. A. Stowell, for A. H. M. S.	49 05
Duxbury, by Dea. Sheldon.	4 00
Enfield, by L. D. Potter.	50 00
Everett, First, S. S., by A. B. Shepardon, for the Debt.	15 29
Fairhaven, Sarah Pope.	3 00
Fall River, Central, by R. B. Borden, of wh. \$52.57 from Mon. Con. Coll.	293 02
Falmouth, A "shut-in."	5 00
"Coelum"	1 00
Fitchburg, C. C., by H. A. Hill, for A. H. M. S.	51 58
Rollstone, by W. E. Clifford, to const. Miss Mary L. Barker, Warren B. Wheeler, and Herbert W. Eaton L. Ms.	90 00
Framingham, "A Friend"	40 00
Franklin, First, by Chas. Gowen.	43 08
Gloucester, West, by Rev. J. C. Alvord.	10 00
Greenfield, Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk.	46 00
Hadley, First, by Alphonso Dickinson.	47 77
Hampden Benevolent Association, by Chas. Marsh, Tr.	
Agawam.	\$21 31
Feeding Hills.	15 00
Holyoke, First.	20 80
Ladies' Home Circle.	15 00
Ludlow, First, to const. with previous gifts, Rev. M. P. Dickey.	19 00
a L. M.	
South Hadley Falls.	20 00

Springfield, North.....	\$159 69
Women's Miss. Society.....	5 25
Olivet S. School.....	17 49
South.....	182 05
West Springfield, Park St.....	51 50
Y. P. S. C. E., for A. H. M. S.....	25 00
Wilbraham.....	30 50
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Heath, Rev. B. B. Cutler.....	1 00
Holbrook, Winthrop, by Elisha Holbrook	22 35
Holden, by Rev. W. Rand, for A. H.	
M. S.....	12 35
Holland, by Rev. Solomon Bixby.....	24 40
Housatonic, by S. W. Wright, to const.	
Rev. F. E. Butler and T. G. Rame-dell	
L. Ma.....	110 74
Hyde Park, E. F. H., by J. Ellery Piper.....	5 00
First, by J. Ellery Piper.....	50 00
First, S. S., by Chas. F. Holt, for A. H.	
M. S.....	35 00
I. C. Burgess.....	10 00
Lawrence, South, by J. Y. Buzzell.....	27 84
Lexington, Hancock, by W. W. Baker.....	20 00
Lowell, Elliot, by James Howard.....	38 88
First, by L. Warren Bisbee, to const.	
with previous gifts, Arthur M. Field,	
a L. M.....	18 00
Ludlow, First, A. T. Jones, for A. H. M.	
S.....	10 00
Malden, First, by Herbert Porter, of wh.	
\$77 for Debt.....	161 75
Linden, S. A. D., for A. H. M. S., and	
to const., a L. M.....	50 00
Mrs. J. W. Wellman, by Rev. W. G.	
Puddefoot, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Marlboro, Union Evangl. by Rev. A. F.	
Newton, to const. Daniel Austin Walker	
and Dea. Chas. F. Robinson L. Ma. of	
A. H. M. S.....	100 32
Marshfield, East, Second, Men's Bible	
Class, by Israel Hatch.....	9 00
Mass. "L. D." for A. H. M. S.....	30 00
Medfield, Second, by Francis S. Wright.....	89 41
Medway, Village, by Rev. Rufus K.	
Harlow, for A. H. M. S.....	175 32
West, C. Albert Adams.....	10 00
Middleboro, Second, by Eben Pickens.....	58 39
North, by S. White, to const. Warren	
S. Gibbs, a L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	53 72
Millis, Miss Marinda Daniels, to const.	
Miss E. Phillips, a L. M.....	30 00
Montague, by Sanford Marsh.....	36 00
Montreal, P. Q., Ella F. M. Williams.....	10 00
Nahant, Est. of Geo. Curtis, by L. C.	
Waterman, Trustee.....	5000 00
Natick, First Sunday-school, by R. E.	
Bowers, to const. Rev. F. E. Sturgis, a L.	
M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00
New Bedford, North, by J. W. Hervey,	
for A. H. M. S.....	138 00
Thatcher A. Hatch, by J. W. Hervey,	
for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Newburyport, Prospect St., by C. A.	
Bliss, for A. H. M. S.....	283 54
New Hampshire, "L." for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
New Salem, Thank-offering for services	
of Rev. L. Jones, by Rev. A. H. Plummer	
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone,	
to const. A. J. Goddard, Hervey F.	
Moore, and Mrs. Helen H. Clapp L. Ma.	
of A. H. M. S.....	175 00
Northfield, Trinitarian, Two Ladies, by	
Miss Mary T. Dutton.....	10 00
Paxton, by Rev. A. Morton, for A. H. M.	
S.....	4 00
By C. A. Streeter.....	18 00
Plymouth, Pilgrimage, by George G.	
Dyer.....	183 48
Quincy, Evangelical, by Rev. E. Norton.....	6 35
Randolph, Parsonage, by Rev. J. C. Lab-	
aree, for Boh. work.....	7 00
Revere, Beachmont, J. F. Bowditch, by	
Thomas Britton.....	3 29
Samokov, Bulgaria, Pilgrim, for A. H. M.	
S.....	10 00
Sherborn, Pilgrim, by Lowell Coolidge.....	30 00
Shutesbury, by N. A. Briggs.....	6 00

Somerville, Prospect Hill, by M. P.	
Elliot.....	\$251 29
Southbridge, by F. W. Eaton.....	22 20
Stoneham, by Rev. D. A. Newton to const	
Mrs. D. A. Newton, a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	53 27
Stoughton, First, by Sam'l Clapp, interest	
on mortgage.....	100 09
Sunderland, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot,	
for A. H. M. S.....	27 59
Taunton, A Friend, for the Debt.....	5 00
Templeton, Trinitarian, by John Whitte-	
more.....	18 55
Walpole, Orthodox, by Frederic Guild.....	68 55
Waltham, Phebe S. Gardfield.....	1 40
Ware, A Friend in the work.....	1 00
Wareham, First, by H. W. Barrows.....	36 00
Wayland, "L." for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Wendell, by Rev. P. F. Barnard.....	11 50
Mrs. E. H. Evans, by Rev. P. F. Barnard	5 00
Weymouth and Braintree, Union, by H.	
A. Pettingell, of wh. \$100 to A. H. M. S.	123 65
Whitinsville, special, by Edward Whitin,	
for A. H. M. S.....	405 87
Whitman, by W. R. Vining.....	76 52
Wilbraham, North, Grace Union, by H.	
W. Cutler, to const. Reuben Sikes and	
Fred. Pease L. Ma. of A. H. M. S.....	130 25
Williamsburg, Haydensville, by H. Clay	
Smith, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Winchester, A Friend.....	9 50
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan.....	31 80
for Slavic Dept. Oberlin.....	63 73
Worcester, Old South, by Geo. M. Pierce,	
to const. H. H. Merriam, a L. M.....	36 14
Union, by S. Newton, for A. H. M. S.....	340 10
Wrentham, Miss Jemima Hawes.....	50 00
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Home Missionary.....	\$11,608 28
	10 20
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	\$11,618 48

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported
at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society,
in March.*

Andover, West, Ladies, books, (and	
cash, \$41.00).....	\$81 60
Boston, Park St., Ladies, by Mrs. J. E.	
Parker, supplies (and cash, \$12.50).....	60 00
Lee, Ladies' Benev. Society, by Miss C.	
Rowland, barrel and freight.....	54 00
Newton, Elliot, Ladies' Benev. Society,	
by Mrs. E. J. Locke, barrel and box	
and freight.....	171 80
Newtonville, Central, Ladies, by Mrs.	
E. E. Stiles, two barrels and freight.....	97 05
Springfield, Eastern Avenue, by Mrs.	
S. S. Rich, barrel.....	57 00
South, Ladies, by Mrs. G. C. McClean,	
supplies.....	317 91
Westboro, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by	
Miss Susan M. Miller, two barrels and	
freight.....	115 67
Worcester, Piedmont, Benev. Union,	
by Mrs. T. A. Shaw, two barrels and	
freight.....	170 00
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	\$1,125 08

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society
in February, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.*

Amboy.....	\$25 00
Ashkum.....	6 54
Bartlett.....	18 30
Beecher.....	22 70
Bunker Hill.....	34 00
Bureau.....	21 48
Byron.....	12 30
Canton.....	50 60

Chebanse, W. H. M. Union.....	\$3 00
Chenoo, Mrs. E. M. Pike.....	5 00
Chicago, Plymouth Ch.....	187 61
New England Ch., Ladies' Miss. So-	
cietv.....	10 50
"Steady Streams".....	17 15
South Park Ch.....	10 00
Church of the Redeemer.....	50 00
Crystal Lake.....	17 28
De Pue.....	27 73
Dover, Miss M. M. Allen.....	5 00
Joseph B. Allen.....	1 00
Farmington, special.....	110 00
Galva.....	37 40
Geneseo.....	199 49
Jug and Envelope Band.....	10 00
Glencoe.....	98 18
Granville, special.....	121 12
Marselles.....	65 50
Mendon, special.....	91 28
Mrs. J. Fowler.....	25 00
Special, James H. Dudley.....	50 00
Henry P. Baldwin.....	25 00
Mrs. Benton.....	10 00
Millburn.....	15 00
Morton, Ladies' Society, \$7.65; Young	
Missionaries, \$3.48; S. S. Birthday	
Box, \$5.....	22 13
Oak Park, S. S., \$35.50; Ladies' Benev.	
Society, \$16.50.....	52 00
Payson.....	40 00
Plymouth, Mrs. R. C., and Miss Amy	
Barton.....	10 00
Riley, Mrs. Maria J. Sears.....	5 00
Roberts, Young People's Miss. Society.	
Rock Falls, \$14.50; W. H. M. Union,	
\$3; Mrs. C. V. Wright, \$1.....	23 50
Rockford, First Ch., Ladies' Society.....	18 91
Roodhouse, special.....	53 00
Roseville.....	26 11
Sheffield, Ladies' Miss. Society.....	3 45
Springfield, Second.....	15 00
Sark.....	9 00
Sycamore, special.....	41 50
Tiskilwa, Geo. C. Kellogg.....	10 00
Udina.....	2 50
Victoria, W. H. M. Union.....	10 00
Waupoosee Grove.....	38 00
Waverly, special.....	50 00
Winnebago, special.....	5 00
Winnetka.....	35 28
Woodstock.....	3 50
A Friend, special.....	79 74
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mission	
.....	50 90
	\$2,008 79

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut,
in March, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Barkhamsted, by Rev. J. B. Clarke.....	2 00
Bosrah, by Rev. Geo. A. Miller.....	18 00
Bridgeport, Park Street, by F. W. Storrs, with contribution of Dec. 19th, 1887, to const. Mrs. Frances J. McLellan and L. H. Baker, both of Bridgeport, Ct., L. Ms.....	61 00
Canterbury, First, one sixth of income from Est. of Emblem L. Williams, by L. B. Morgan, Trustee.....	10 42
Derby, Birmingham, J. Tomlinson, per- sonal.....	10 00
East Haven, by F. T. Jarman.....	28 30

Litchfield, Milton, by Rev. Geo. J. Har- rison.....	\$10 88
Meriden, First, by W. H. Catlin, for A. H. M. S., to const. Rev. Charles A. Williams, Mrs. Inez G. Taylor, Mrs. Sarah A. Higby, Mrs. Eliza A. Butler, Mrs. Lydia Miller, Nathan Olds, Sarah Potter, Henry S. Wilcox, all of Meri- den, Ct., L. Ms.....	400 00
Middletown, First, by L. F. Denio.....	67 28
New Britain, South, by Wm. H. Hart, from Mrs. J. W. Cooper for A. H. M. S., to const. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Smith, Mrs. Mary E. Booth, John P. Bartlett and Eliza H. Cooper, all of New Britain, Ct., L. Ms.....	208 41
New Haven, College Street, by Samuel Lloyd.....	111 86
Davenport, by Rev. I. C. Meserve, \$75; for A. H. M. S., \$50.....	125 00
Newington, by H. M. Robbins.....	35 45
Oxford, by R. B. Limburner.....	21 26
Plainfield, Wauregan, by Rev. H. S. Fol- lows.....	25 00
Redding, by T. M. Abbott, add'l.....	2 50
Seymour, by Robert A. Weaver.....	23 19
Stratford, by C. C. Wells.....	20 31
Thompson, by Josiah W. Dike.....	11 75
Torrington, Third, A Friend, by F. M. Wheeler.....	10 00
Voluntown and Sterling, Ekonsk, by Rev. John Elderkin.....	17 76
Winchester, West Winsted, by John Hinsdale.....	100 97
Windsor, First, by S. H. Barber.....	75 00
Poquonock, by L. R. Lord.....	37 90
	\$1,440 50

A Correction: In Connecticut receipts of April
Home Missionary, instead of "Woodbridge, by
F. T. Jarman, \$35," read "Hamden, Whitney-
ville, by F. T. Jarman, \$35."

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,428 91
Indiana, Indianapolis.....	59 67
Massachusetts, Boston, \$195; Mitti- neague, \$35.....	230 00
Michigan, Hopkins Station, \$5; Mus- kegon, \$25; Nashville, \$31.50; St. Louis, \$4.....	55 59
Minnesota, Hutchinson, \$1.25; Minne- apolis, \$5; Sauk Center, \$15.....	21 25
	\$3,850 22

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,368 07
Connecticut, Suffield.....	1 00
Massachusetts, Easthampton, \$50; M. H. M. S., \$28.78.....	128 78
New York, New York City.....	15 00
Ohio, Ashtabula.....	7 73
	\$2,530 58

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

- New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
 Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1873, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
 Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.
 Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.
 Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Geo. L. Epps, Topeka, Sec.
 Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.
 New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creegan, Syracuse, Sec.
 Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
 North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
 South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls, Sec.
 Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
 Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
 Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
 Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
 California, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1887, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, Sec.
 Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
 Florida, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Feb. 1888, Mrs. N. Barrows, Winter Park, Sec.

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
 Arizona.
 Arkansas.
 Carolinas.
 Colorado.
 Delaware.
 District of Columbia.
 Georgia.
 Idaho.
 Indiana.

Indian Territory.
 Kentucky.
 Louisiana.
 Maryland.
 Massachusetts.
 Mississippi.
 Montana.
 Nevada.
 New Jersey.
 New Mexico.

Oregon.
 Pennsylvania.
 Rhode Island.
 Tennessee.
 Texas.
 Utah.
 Vermont.
 Virginia.
 Washington Territory.
 Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of freight (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for freight, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the size of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....*Mark xvi. 15.*
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....*Rom. x. 15.*

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TREASURY NOTE

THE receipts in April were \$13,808, about \$3,600 less than those of April, 1887. The claims upon the Society are far more urgent now than they were then. More fields, and these more important and promising, are open now than there were a year ago. The superintendents and missionaries are growing disheartened over the opportunities for valuable work of which they cannot avail themselves for lack of means. The officers are making up the annual apportionment for presentation at Saratoga, June 6th. Whether or not it shall provide for at least a part of the new work so loudly called for, depends entirely upon the disposition of the churches to enlarge their gifts. With the present rate of receipts, no advance can be made upon last year's outlay, though many fields in nearly every missionary district are suffering from neglect that seems culpable—is culpable, unless the churches have really reached the limit of their giving ability. Have they reached it? It depends on them to say whether the conductors of the Society shall go to Saratoga with a scheme for the next year measured by that of the last, or with one more nearly commensurate with the loud calls of the Master to reap ripening harvests in every State and Territory already entered, and to go into new fields ready for the sower's hand. We wait your reply in the only practical way that it can be given—through your remittances to the Treasury.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, JUNE 5-7, 1888.

THE officers of the American Home Missionary Society have made arrangements for reduced fares for persons attending the Annual Meeting in Saratoga, June 5-7, 1888, with the following list of roads which will accept return tickets issued under the certificate plan :

BALTIMORE & OHIO (East of Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling), BALTIMORE & POTOMAC, BENNINGTON & RUTLAND, BUFFALO, ROCHESTER & PITTSBURGH, CAMDEN AND ATLANTIC, CENTRAL VERMONT, DELAWARE & HUDSON CANAL CO., DELAWARE, LACKAWANNA & WESTERN, ELMIRA, CORTLAND & NORTHERN, FITCHBURG, GRAND TRUNK, LEHIGH VALLEY, NEW YORK CENTRAL & HUDSON RIVER, NEW YORK, LAKE ERIE & WESTERN, NEW YORK, ONTARIO & WESTERN, NORFOLK & WESTERN, NORTHERN CENTRAL, PENNSYLVANIA (except locally between Philadelphia and New York), PHILADELPHIA & ERIE, PHILADELPHIA & READING (except locally between Philadelphia and New York), PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE, ROME, WATERTOWN & OGDENSBURG (except on Phoenix Line—stations between Syracuse and Oswego), SHENANDOAH VALLEY, WESTERN NEW YORK & PENNSYLVANIA, WEST JERSEY, WEST SHORE.

For information as to roads west of the points above named, over which tickets will be sold on about same terms, apply to Rev. James Tompkins, Sec., 151 Washington St., Chicago. Tickets for going by these roads for sale June 1st, 2d, and 3d.

All persons attending the Annual Meeting and entitled to the benefit of the concession, *will pay full first-class fare going to the meeting, and have a printed form which will be furnished on application to the officers at the Bible House, New York, to be properly filled up and signed by the ticket agent at the starting-point.* If the starting-point is not located on one of the roads included in the list here given, delegates will purchase to the most convenient point on one of those lines, and re-purchase by direct routes only, through to place of meeting. Return tickets will be sold at the agreed reduced fares (one third of the price paid in going) only to those holding these forms properly filled and countersigned. The printed form will give all needed information as to the purchase and use of tickets.

Return tickets can be bought at any time before *the end of the third day after adjournment of the meeting*, and will be available for *continuous return trip tickets only—no stop-over privileges being allowed* under the rules on tickets sold at less than regular fares.

From points in Mass. and R. I.—Round-trip tickets, good to go June 1st to 4th, and to stay till June 10th, will be sold on the Fitchburg Railroad as follows: Boston, \$7.00; Worcester, \$6.00; Concord, Mass., \$6.50; Ayer Junction, \$6.00; Fitchburg, \$6.00; Miller's Falls, \$5.00; Greenfield, \$4.50; Providence, R. I., \$7.50.

Round-trip tickets good for the above dates will be sold on the Boston and Albany Railroad as follows: Boston, \$7.00; South Framingham, \$6.50; Worcester, \$6.00; Palmer, \$5.50; Springfield, \$5.00; Providence, R. I., \$7.50. No concessions are made on Connecticut roads.

No certificates are needed to secure these round-trip tickets.

Steamboats.—It is expected that the New York and Albany Boats (People's Line) and the New York and Troy Boats (Citizens Line) will sell Round-trip tickets, from New York to Saratoga and return, for Three Dollars. Berths on both lines 50 cents. State rooms \$1.00 and \$2.00 on both lines.

OFFICERS OF THE W. H. M. ORGANIZATIONS.

THE officers of the Woman's Home Missionary Organizations of the several States will hold an all-day meeting in the Congregational Church, Saratoga, Tuesday, June 5th, beginning at 10:30 A. M. Papers and questions for discussion will be presented by representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Dakota and Florida.

Papers will be given by Mrs. L. F. Berry, of Nebraska; Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, of Connecticut; Mrs. E. S. Williams, of Minnesota; Miss Annie A. McFarland, of New Hampshire; Mrs. Prof. Emerson, of Wisconsin; Mrs. G. M. Lane, of Michigan, and others. Mrs. C. L. Goodell, of St. Louis, President of the Missouri W. H. M. Soc., will present a paper based on Joshua's command to the officers of the Israelites, "Ye shall pass before your brethren armed."

It is earnestly hoped that each officer of the Organizations will make a great effort to be present at this meeting.

Further information can be obtained by addressing *Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Sec. Ill. W. H. M. U.*, 151 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

A NEW missionary district has been constituted, consisting of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia. The Executive Committee has been fortunate in securing the Rev. THOMAS W. JONES, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., to superintend this important field.

A STRIKING ANOMALY.

THE discussion of the "Perils and Benefits of Immigration" by the New York Congregational Club, Monday night, developed one striking anomaly. The leading speakers were Prof. H. H. Boyesen, of Columbia College, himself an immigrant from Sweden, and Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, a native American, and Puritan of the Puritans. Yet it was the foreigner who saw the gravest danger to the republic in unrestrained immigration, and it was the American who contended that restrictions

were not only impossible but undesirable. Prof. Boyesen has made this question a profound study. He is no vulgar alarmist. He speaks his sober convictions, based upon exceptional opportunities for a correct knowledge of the facts. In the growth of Socialism and Anarchy, and in the multiplying materials from other lands that feed these distempers, he sees a fiery writing on the wall, which leads him to predict a social crisis in America, and that speedily, which will move the very foundations out of place. It may be, in all this, he fails to appreciate the native American character, and denies full credit to the stability of American institutions.

Gen. Woodford on the other hand is a thorough optimist. He regards the outcry against immigration as the plea of cowardice. The masses of all lands have always been on the move, and their movements have always been for the better. Foreign immigration to America is a phase of the universal law. He is not sorry for it. Welcome the struggle, if it must come! It will not destroy the United States, and it will uplift other nations. To stay these incoming millions is as impossible as to turn back the tide that throws them on our shores, and to wish to stay them is akin to the selfishness of the old Jew who killed the divine immigrant and rejected the benefits he brought.

The speakers who followed this opening, among them Drs. Bradford and Virgin, and President Brooks of Tabor College, held rather to the middle ground, contending for a measure of restriction, yet not willing to acknowledge all the perils so darkly portrayed.—*Bourne, in The Advance.*

RESIGNATION OF REV. DR. CREEGAN.

It is with sincere regret that we have to record the retirement of Rev. Charles C. Creegan, D.D., from the office of Secretary of the New York State Society. Dr. Creegan has been so long and so honorably identified with Home Missions that it is not easy for us, all at once, to think of him as a foreign missionary secretary. The American Board have made no mistake in calling him to be their representative in New England. He enters upon his work in the fullness of experience and mental vigor, and will carry into the foreign service the same wisdom and zeal which have distinguished his career, first as the superintendent of the Rocky Mountain district of the A. H. M. S., and more recently as the State secretary of New York. Our best wishes go with him.

We welcome also, and commend to all the churches Dr. Creegan's successor, Rev. Augustus G. Upton, late of Norwich, N. Y., who has accepted the office of State secretary and is already in the field.

A LADY in the First Church, Oakland, Cal., has contributed a house and lot valued at \$3,000, to the California W. H. M. Society.

THE FIELD AND THE FORCE.

THE field of the American Home Missionary Society is America, as that word is popularly understood. The Society bears so broad a name because it was the first National Society organized for the purpose of evangelizing America. "Our Country for Christ," is its motto. Not that its friends and supporters would stop with America,—their ultimate aim is to save the world. This, however, they believe they can best and most speedily accomplish by "beginning at Jerusalem." They feel that the problems which confront America, and which involve the nation's life, and the perpetuity of her institutions, are the first problems for Americans to solve.

The field which this Society occupies, naturally divides itself into two distinct portions: 1st, those States which are able to care for the work within their own borders, and 2d, those which are in a measure dependent upon others for help.

A quarter of a century before the organization of the National Society, in 1826, the Congregational churches of New England had been engaged in home missionary operations. Beyond New England westward even to the Mississippi, their missionaries had gone preaching the Gospel to the destitute. As the work began to assume national proportions, however, it became evident that there must be a National Society. At its organization, the several State societies surrendered the work they had been doing beyond their own borders, to the National Society. By the terms of stipulation they ceased to be independent Societies, even for their own local work, and became auxiliary to, and integral parts of the National Society, bound together in one whole by a common interest, and governed by the same general principles and rules.

These Auxiliaries assume entire responsibility for the prosecution of the missionary work within their own bounds, and pledge their hearty co-operation with the National Society in carrying the Gospel to the regions beyond. Their officers are the sole agents of the National Society on their own fields, advocating its claims, and collecting funds for its treasury. Their missionaries are its missionaries, their revenue its revenue, their work its work. All surplus funds are sent to the national treasury, and donations specially designed for national work are at once, on request of the donor, transmitted by the treasurer of the Auxiliary to the treasurer of the National Society.

To-day this auxiliary system includes not merely the New England States, but New York, Ohio, Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, and Iowa, as one by one these States have been able to assume self-support. From the fields of these Auxiliaries, the American Home Missionary Society always has, and always must, derive the principal part of its funds for

prosecuting the national work. Upon their cordial co-operation its life depends.

The map accompanying this article shows that by far the larger portion of our country is as yet, entirely or in part, dependent upon the National Society for help. With the single exception of Iowa, all of the region west of the Mississippi, together with Northern Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and Florida, or more than three fourths of the area of our country, exclusive of Alaska, with a population of over 30,000,000, look to the American Home Missionary Society for help in rescuing the perishing. Nor does this include several of our southern States, with more than 7,000,000 people, where as yet this Society has been able to do little if any work.

The most of this great and growing and needy region, as will be seen by the map, is subdivided into districts with a Home Missionary Superintendent over each. These Superintendents are the Society's chief representatives at the front. To them are largely intrusted its sacred interests, and the economical and effective prosecution of its work. Upon no class of men in our country to-day, do mightier responsibilities rest, than upon these Superintendents. Their movements affect the whole movement of the churches in their fields. They touch the springs that set in motion influences which reach into the future. They secure recruits for, and marshal the forces that are steadily advancing in the name of the Lord, to conquer the land for Christ. Faithful and true and tried, they stand as the representatives of the churches as well as of the Society, doing a work which the future historian will acknowledge as among the chief factors in civilizing and saving America. Like Paul, in labors abundant, in journeyings often, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings and hunger and thirst and cold and fastings, they also, like Paul, have the care of all the churches.

Christians in the East, acquaint yourselves with these men. Learn their plans, their needs, their hopes, their fears. "Bear ye one another's burdens." See to it that these Superintendents, and all your missionaries at the front more fully feel that they are only the representatives of a great host of men and women whose hearts the Lord has touched. Pray for them individually. Come into closer contact and more vital and practical sympathy with your work and your workers, and ere you are aware, from earth to heaven, and from heaven to earth, will echo the shout of triumph, "His Kingdom is come, His will is done, His dominion is from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth."—*Rev. C. C. Otis.*

FRESH FACTS AND FIGURES.—"The Missionary Star," ought to be placed in the hands of every Sunday-school scholar and church member throughout the land.—*Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, O.*

THE FIRST BOHEMIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY, March 28, 1888, a council of Congregational churches of Cleveland and vicinity met at the Bethlehem Bohemian Mission Chapel in Cleveland, for the purpose of organizing the FIRST BOHEMIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The week previous an examining committee of Cleveland pastors and laymen, who had been invited by the Cleveland Bohemian Mission Board to prepare the way for the council, had examined fifty-eight candidates for admission to the church. Rev. G. R. Leavitt, D.D., conducted the examination, which was very thorough. At the close of the examination, which lasted into the night, the members of the committee expressed themselves as exceedingly delighted with the result. Although a number of the candidates were requested to defer joining the church, because the evidence of piety they gave was not satisfactory, by far the greater number gave such proof of earnestness, and of a change of heart, and such clear and delightful testimonies were given of personal faith in Christ, and complete consecration to his service, that the committee felt fully convinced that the time had come to organize a church at Bethlehem. The council accepted the report of this committee (which that afternoon examined several more persons) and in the evening proceeded to form the church which, with two members received at the communion season the following Sunday, numbers fifty-six. Of these, fourteen are English-speaking, one a Pole, and the rest Bohemians. The services of recognition of the new church were in both languages, the singing being also in both languages simultaneously. Rev. Dr. J. H. Sturtevant was moderator of the council, and Rev. Dr. G. R. Leavitt, Rev. Messrs. Pasco of Garrettsville, Henry M. Tenney, J. G. Fraser and others took part. Notwithstanding the storm, a goodly number, besides those who were to be formed into a church, were present.

On Easter Sunday morning the communion was administered in both languages, and it was an occasion of great interest to all, especially to those who remembered the very small beginnings of the mission, and who knew, and had been made to feel most deeply, the difficulties that sometimes made success seem almost impossible. One of the chief difficulties in the way has been the Old Country state-church idea that baptism and confirmation, administered without regard to the state of heart, are sufficient to constitute one a Christian, and make one eligible to church membership. Then there were prejudices; the ignorance of evangelical truth, and superstitions of the Catholic population, as well as the hatred and strong opposition of the large unbelieving and infidel element. As we looked upon that Easter assembly gathered in Bethlehem Church to commemorate at once the dying love and the resurrection glory of Christ, and saw among them the aged grandmother who

had come a long distance that she might once more, after many years' deprivation, receive the elements administered to her in her own language, and the boy, Catholic-bred, converted in Bethlehem Sunday-school; as we saw the deacons consecrated to their important services,—one from the Green Mountains, and the other a born Catholic from Bohemia,—and then when we heard the anthem of praise sung by the choir of young Bohemians, and looked into the faces of faithful and successful Sunday-school teachers, who had been converted in connection with this work, and had then devoted themselves to teaching and saving others, our hearts overflowed with gratitude and praise; and one chief reason for thankfulness was the patience, perseverance, and faith, with which the Congregational churches of Cleveland, of Ohio, and of the whole country have carried on this work, till permitted to see such blessed fruit. Henceforth no one can rationally doubt the possibility of reaching the Bohemians of our country with the Gospel. The success of this work is assured. If we pursue it with faith and patience, we shall reap a glorious harvest—of which this Bethlehem Church is the earnest and first fruit.

THAT GROUND-HOG SKIN.

THE February issue of *The Home Missionary* contained the following:

“The southern mail brought a curious looking package to the Bible house last week, addressed ‘*To the Editor of The Home Missionary.*’ The mysterious arrival proved to be a ‘pelt’; but the source of the contribution and the species of animal thus represented, were matters of speculation, until a later mail brought the following from a home missionary pastor in an isolated field at the South:

“The person who sends you this skin is a very poor woman, and the mother of a large family. She made a profession of religion last August. One Sabbath I presented the cause of Home Missions in our little church. This woman was present and seemed greatly distressed because she could add nothing to the collection. The next time I called at her house, she met me with a smiling face, and said, ‘When you took that collection for Home Missions, I did feel *dreadfully* because I had nothing to give. I *have* something now! Yes, I’ve got a ground-hog skin for you. I skinned him and tanned the skin with my own hands! I have done it on purpose to give to you for my collection. Will you take it?’ she said, anxiously. ‘Certainly, I will,’ I hastened to reply; ‘and may God bless you!’ Now, can you turn this woman’s gift into gold for the Lord’s treasury?”

"Alas, this good man knows not what he asks! The day has gone by when a 'chestnut' will yield bank bills; when earrings, finger-rings, pins, or ornaments of any kind, can be forced to add to the treasury of our benevolent societies a tithe of their worth to the owner.

"As to this earnest woman and her novel gift, He who still sits over against the treasury will accept the act of one who has done 'what she could.' In his own way he will bless her in her spiritual life, and enable her to become a light to some one now sitting in darkness, possibly at her very door."

Not long after the publication of the above item, the Illinois mail brought a letter:

"*Dear Home Missionary.*—Your brief notice of the ground-hog pelt interested me, the more so as it seemed to be written under the dual influences of *fear* that it was another 'chestnut,' and the *faith* that Christ would own it, in at least blessing the giver.

"It was the first offering of a poor Christian woman, soon after her conversion, to the treasury of the A. H. M. S. I enclose you \$5. Let this give me temporary ownership, and if there are other responses, let each successive contributor, regardless of the amount, whether it be ten cents or ten dollars, become, in turn, temporary owner, until the giving ceases. Let the last owner say how it shall be disposed of. I have faith that this may be a *growing* chestnut.

"Did the Holy Spirit suggest the gift, did he lead the good missionary in faith to forward it, did he give the peculiar wording of the editor's notice, has he moved my heart and pen? *If so*, he will move other hearts. Let us watch!—*Yours in hope, Philo.*"

The next message comes from a Vermont pastor, who writes:

"I make this offer for the skin because I have a vivid remembrance of a time when I was on a farm, some twenty years ago. Being short of money, and behind time in paying my subscription towards the support of our pastor, I offered him, as a part of my payment on his salary, some good, bright, Vermont spring wheat, which I had raised myself. He declined it on the ground that it was not good enough for use in his family. When I commenced preaching fifteen years ago, I said, "If a man has nothing else to pay, and offers me his dog, in good faith, I'll accept it, if I have to kill the dog next day!"

The third letter upon this subject comes from a pastor in Ohio. Both contributors accept the plan proposed by "Philo." We will hold this "Missouri Pelt Fund" open until February, 1889, and then make a final report of the amount contributed to the treasury by one "who hath done what she could."

WYOMING RANCHES.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT.

"Lots of room in this western wild," says the stranger as he crosses the plains. Yes, that is so, but the "Great American Desert," about which we used to study, is fast losing its identity as such. Wyoming's beckoning finger has caught the eye of the moving masses everywhere, and a great tide of immigration is crowding this way. Railroads are pushing in, and new communities are springing up. The valleys are being peopled. The wealth of the hills is being developed, and it will not be many years before this Territory will be asking of the nation that she may become a State.

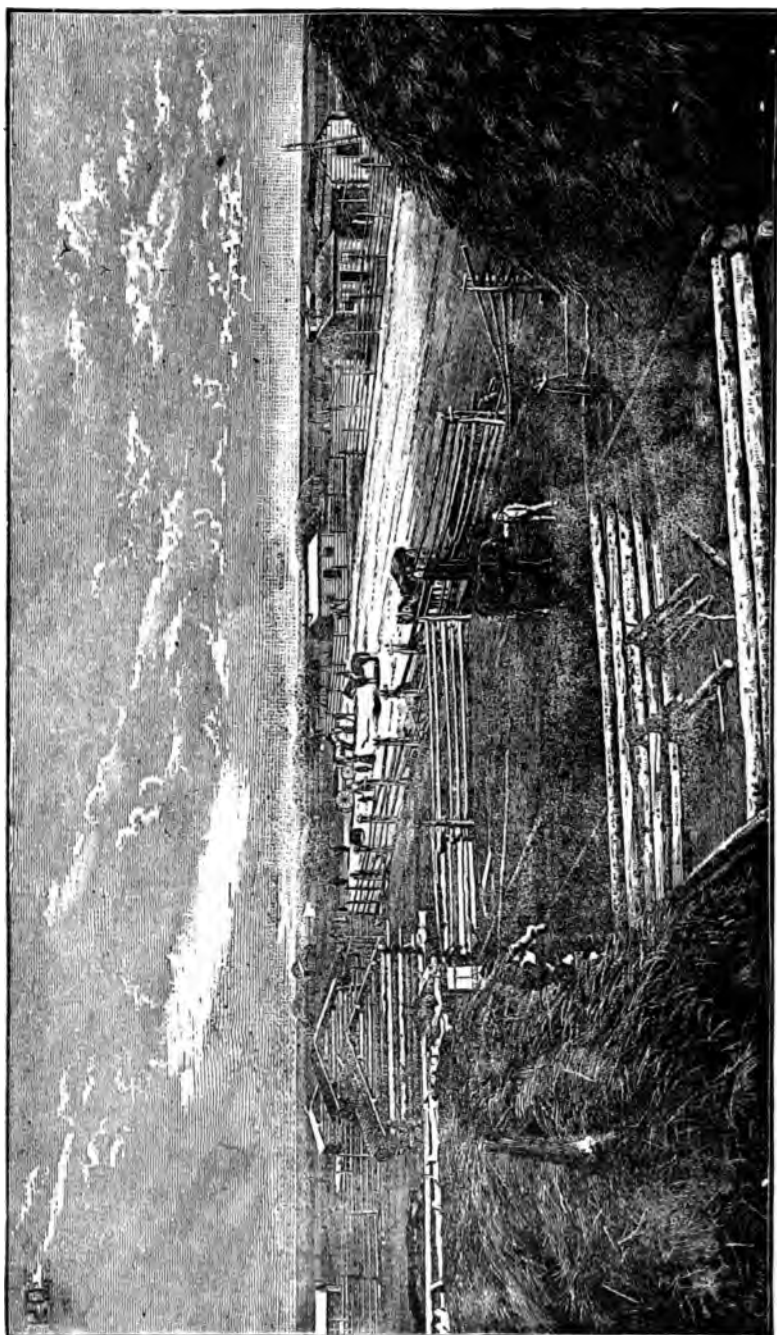
"I thought Wyoming was a vast howling wilderness," says one.

"What is there, to attract anybody?" asks another.

Many people have very crude ideas of this "Great New West." It may interest the readers of the *The Home Missionary* to know something of the ranches of one of our large live stock corporations.

The other morning Mr. W. W. Gleason, a Massachusetts man, now general manager of the Warren Live Stock Company, Cheyenne, called at the parsonage and invited me to spend the day with him among some of their ranches. His team of half-breed bronchos hitched to a Studebaker wagon was at the gate, and anxious to be on the go. The invitation was accepted, and soon the city was behind us, and we were pushing over the swells to the southwest. On the way, we met a Texas steer which had strayed from a herd. The brute faced us. His horns were long, sharp, and gracefully curved. His eyes were like balls of fire. Not a desirable fellow to meet, were one afoot and alone. After a ride of several miles we came to the top of a swell, or hill, where was opened to our view the beautiful valley of "Lone Tree Creek," stretching for miles from the northwest to the southeast. The bottoms were waving with grass ready for the mower. A few cotton-wood trees, not very mighty, stood, like sentinels, along the banks of the creek. Several ranches were in sight. The buildings for the most part were unpretentious, usually made of logs, and surrounded by fenced yards for stock.

Soon we were in the valley, and made our first call at the Terry Ranch. This is the headquarters for the horses of the company. The house is located in the valley near the creek. It is a comfortable and quiet home. A good well of sweet water near the kitchen door, furnishes that which is best fitted to quench one's thirst. Here live a family and the men employed on the place. A short distance north are the stables and yards for horses. In the stables you find seventeen blooded animals whose average value is estimated at one thousand dol-



A WYOMING RANCH.

lars each. After an hour here we went on to the Valley Ranch, the headquarters of the company, where we enjoyed a good dinner for which our morning ride had duly prepared us. After satisfying the inner man, we retired to the comfortable quarters of the general manager, and asked for information concerning this stock organization, and were told that its capital stock is five hundred and sixty thousand dollars. The president, for whom the company is named, is the Ex-Governor of the Territory. Gov. Warren came from the Berkshire hills of the Bay State a few years ago, bringing his capital stock mainly in his head. I have been told that he once drove a milk wagon, and that he reached the factory village sufficiently early in the morning, to furnish the operatives with fresh milk for breakfast; and they went to work at six o'clock! Though a young man still, Gov. Warren is one of the first men of Wyoming, and is at the head of one of the largest mercantile firms in the Territory. The vice-president is Hon. M. E. Post, our recent delegate to congress. Mr. Post is president of the M. E. Post Bank, and also one of the partners in the "Post Percheson Horse Company, which owns three thousand horses. Mr. Post is one of the solid men of Cheyenne, and has made himself what he is largely by his industry and skill. The secretary and treasurer, who is also general manager, is Mr. W. W. Gleason, who came to Cheyenne three years ago, at the request of the Governor to take charge of this work. Mr. Gleason is specially fitted for the work, is thoroughly conversant with live stock, and under his skillful management, this large concern is worked vigorously and successfully.

On their fourteen ranches the company own 2,400 horses, 4,000 head of cattle, mostly cows, and 70,000 sheep; 15,000 of these are this year's lambs. 55,000 sheep were sheared last year. The shearing is done by contract. A company of shearers employing twenty-five or more men, take contracts in Wyoming, Mexico, California, and Australia. They took the contract to shear 45,000 sheep in thirty days, for six cents a head. This puts the wool into the sacks ready for shipment. The company owning sheep, furnish strings and sacks, and board the men, making total cost, seven cents a head. These shearers are experts in the business. I timed one fellow. He took the wool from a sheep in one minute and forty-five seconds. They do not cut so close, however, as your eastern farmer. Some bucks yield thirty pounds of wool. From this lot they expect to ship 225,000 pounds of wool. As to the manner of herding,—in winter they are divided into flocks of from two to three thousand each. A man and a dog go with each flock. They are kept out all day, but housed at night. In summer, they are put into bands of from six to ten thousand, and are sent out to the more distant ranges, possibly among the foot-hills, and kept out night and day, under the care of three men, who take with them a camping outfit, a wagon, a pair of horses, and two or three shepherd dogs.

The company cut 2,500 tons of hay, and the haying is done by contract. The grass is cut, put into stacks, and measured after thirty days for \$1.75 cents per ton. "This grass," said Mr. Gleason, "properly cured, will fat cattle, equal to New England hay with corn meal added. It yields three tons to the acre."

Something is done in the way of agriculture, but not on quite such an extensive scale as the live stock business. Twenty-five acres are given to potatoes, which are supposed to yield 3,000 bushels of splendid specimens.

The working force of the company consists of five families, and fifty-seven men. Do any of these men care for books? I noticed on the table, the following among others: Appleton's Chemistry, Hygiene for Young People, The Home at Greylock. A district school is near by, and the teacher is a young lady from New York City. There are ten scholars. Near the building a horse was grazing, and I noticed a gig. Some of the children come five miles with that rig.

It was three o'clock when we started for home. On the way we passed through the meadows, where a flock of spring lambs were feeding, and called at Willow Springs Ranch, where a gang of the shearers were at work. It was a lively sight—one not soon to be forgotten. We reached home in season for tea, having had an experience that strengthened our faith in the future of Wyoming.

FROM A SWEDISH MISSIONARY.

THE Lord is my Shepherd. During the past year I have preached 195 sermons, held 59 prayer-meetings, and made 245 calls. I have traveled hundreds of mile by rail, buggy, lumber wagon, and on foot. You know in Western Minnesota you may travel hundreds of mile and scarcely meet any but Scandinavians. In the great fields I have sown the Gospel the past year. I have seen many souls converted to Christ this year, and according to God's promise they shall grow.

Whatever else you may do the poor farmers need the Gospel, and God will surely reward every one in due time who are trying to win souls for Christ. If the new settlers are neglected, you may not have hope for their children. A church should have as little aid as possible for to support the minister. More the church pay for their minister, more they appreciate. Let the minister's salary be enough to support his family, that he may give his whole time to the ministry. When his salary is too small to keep his family then he must take time to do work which does not belong to him, and the church under his care will not prosper.

Superintendent Hood says in *The Home Missionary* for November, "While traveling in North Wisconsin I stopped in a town at a minis-

ter's house where they had for supper, bread, butter and prunes; for breakfast, milk toast and fried potatoes. Do you suppose I could preach every night and visit all day on such a diet?" I could mention several ministers who never have any sauce of any kind, nor any meat for weeks in their homes, and have had to preach most every night. But after awhile their health have failed and they were obliged to give up preaching. I know a man in Nebraska who devoted several years to preach the Gospel. He had to resign, because his family got to be larger than his income. He is now a prosperous business man, but devotes all his spare time freely to the church. I fear that many Swedish ministers will have to follow his example.

My good Gospel horse took sick and died a few weeks ago.

HOW TO HELP THE SCANDINAVIAN WORK.

1. By sending more money to the American Home Missionary Society for this work. If you wish it applied specially in this way, say so when you remit, and it will be so applied. For a year past this work has been severely crippled for want of means. "*No more new work,*" has been the instruction from the Secretaries in New York to the superintendent, made necessary by the debt of the Society, and the inadequate means for enlargement. The order has been obeyed, but with deep regret. Many calls for help from unsupplied fields of the fullest promise, have been refused.

Friends: When these northern races are pouring upon our shores a people who are hardy, prolific, eager, permanent, religiously inclined, responsive, and naturally preferring the freedom and fellowship such as is found in Congregational churches, is it wise to restrain and dwarf the Scandinavian work? The Christian patriot will take the hint.

2. Help educate Scandinavian ministers. The need for an educated ministry, filled with the Holy Spirit, among these people is very great. Some of these students in Carleton College and Chicago Theological Seminary cannot keep on without a little help. Also, the Scandinavian departments in both these schools need endowment. Who, by endowing a professorship in one of these schools, will furnish enduring stepping stones by which these vigorous races may walk upward?

3. Help the work in Norway. The Free Evangelical churches in Norway are almost at a stand-still with discouragement for the want of a little help to employ general missionaries. We are their natural allies. It would cheer them greatly to be thus encouraged by their stronger brothers, and we should soon see the fruits returning to our own shores.

4. Have a missionary concert on "The Scandinavians." It is a theme brimful of interest.

Full information about the religious situation and work among the Scandinavians is furnished in the following publications by the American Home Missionary Society, 34 Bible House, N. Y.: "Wind from the Holy Spirit in Sweden and Norway"; "The Work Among the Scandinavians;" "Sunday-school Concert Exercise—The Scandinavians."—*Rev. M. W. Montgomery, Minneapolis, Minn.*

ROLL OF HONOR.

Year ending April 1, 1888.

FIFTY-NINE churches have *resolved to try* and support themselves without further aid from the Society. The Pastors whose names are given were with the churches at the time of attaining to self-support.

<i>Org.</i>	PENNSYLVANIA.	<i>Self-support.</i>
1885	....Wilkesbarre (Puritan Ch.)....Rev. Frederick Gwynne....	Feb. 16, 1888.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

1881Washington (Tab. Ch.).....Rev. William C. Scofield...	Oct. 1, 1877.
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MICHIGAN.

1864Shelby	Rev. Thomas Parker.....May 9, 1887.
1837Otsego	" J. B. Chaplin.....Oct. 1, "
1872	....Cheboygan	" William T. Bugbey...Nov. 1, "
1859 }	....Canandaigua and Morenci....	" Henry Coate.....Jan. 1, 1888.
1858 }		
1875 }	....Prattville and Ransom.....	" Robert Gordan.....Apr. 1, "
1848 }		

MINNESOTA.

1873	....Worthington.....Rev. David Henderson.....	July 20, 1887.
1882	....St. Paul (Pacific Ch.).....	" Enion C. Evans.....Apr. 15, "
1858	....Cottage Grove	" William Gill.....July 1, "
1872	....Fergus Falls.....	" Charles E. Page.....Mar. 1, 1888.

KANSAS.

1876	....Stockton	Rev. Floyd E. Sherman.....May 1, 1887.
1885	....Wichita (Plymouth Ch.).....	" Joseph H. Parker.....Sept. 15, "

NEBRASKA.

1873	....Franklin	Rev. Charles S. Harrison....Mar. 1, "
1873	....Linwood	" Milo J. P. Thing.....May 1, "
1871	....Scribner	" Marvin B. Harrison....June 26, "
1886	....Eagle	" William S. Hills.....Sept. 1, "
1866	....Columbus	" Orthello V. Rice....." 9, "
1872	....Albion	" Everett S. Chandler...Dec. 1, "
1885 }	.... " (Third and Saratoga Chs.)	" Alfred B. Penniman... " "
1886 }		
1880	....Genoa.....	" U. C. Bosworth.....Jan. 1, 1888.
1868	....Greenwood	" Herman A. French.... " "

NEBRASKA.—Continued.

1882	....Wymore	Rev. Jacob V. Dimon.....	Jan. 1, 1888.
1883	....Cambridge	" Amos N. Dean.....	Feb. 1, "
1885	....Grafton (German Ch.).....	" John Lich.....	Mar. 1, "
1872	....Plymouth	" Daniel E. Hathaway....	Apr. 1, "
1877	....West Hamilton.....	" John H. Embree.....	" "

NORTH DAKOTA.

1882	....Grand Forks.....	Rev. Arthur L. Gillett.....	Jan. 1, 1888.
1881	....Valley City.....	" Thomas Sims.....	Mar. 15, "

SOUTH DAKOTA.

1886	....Huron (German Ch.).....	Rev. H. L. Thalberg.....	Oct. 1, 1887.
1879	....Watertown	" Richard H. Battey....	" 6, "
1887	....Bowdle.....	" William Macready....	" 23, "

NORTH CALIFORNIA.

1868	....Oakland (Second Ch.).....	Rev. Walter S. Hamlin.....	Aug. 1, 1887.
1882	....Fresno	" J. Spencer Voorhees....	Feb. 12, 1888.
1874	....Tulare	" William D. Williams....	Apr. 1, "

SOUTH CALIFORNIA.

1886	....Pomona.....	Rev. Charles B. Sumner....	Oct. 1, 1887.
1881	....National City.....	" Edward D. Weage....	Apr. 1, 1887.
1885	....Los Angeles (Vernon Ch.)....	" Richard A. Field.....	Jan. 1, 1888.

OREGON.

1888	....Corvallis.....	Rev. George H. Lee.....	Mar. 1, 1887.
1871	....East Portland.....	" Daniel Staver.....	Oct. 1, "
1853	....Albany.....	" Henry V. Rominger....	Nov. 1, "
1844	....Oregon City.....	" George A. Rockwood....	Dec. 1, "

AUXILIARY STATES.

VERMONT.

1858Hyde Park (North).....	Rev. Azro A. Smith.....	May 1, 1887.
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NEW YORK.

1833Utica (Plymouth Ch.).....	Rev. Dwight E. Marvin.....	Oct. 1, 1887.
1855Friendship.....	" Matthew Gaffney.....	Apr. 1, 1888.

OHIO.

1876Etnaville	Rev. William Lewis.....	Jan. 1, 1888.
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ILLINOIS.

1875Emington	Rev. Mead A. Kelsey.....	Jan. 1, 1888.
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IOWA.

1868Belle Plaine.....	Rev. Charles H. Bissell....	June 1, 1887.
1875Belmond	" John D. Sands.....	Sept. 1, "
1870	....Avoca.....	" Morris D. Hartsough....	Nov. 1, "
1855	....Montour.....	" William H. Barrows....	Feb. 1, "
1837	....Washta	" Lucius R. Fitch.....	" "
1845	....Eddyville.....	" Laroy S. Hand.....	Apr. 1, "
1839Cincinnati	" Chester C. Humphrey....	Apr. 1, 1888.
1858Jamestown	" John A. Brown.....	" "

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1868Sturgeon Bay.....	Rev. George W. Prescott....	Oct. 1, 1887.
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GOOD NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—Through the special influence of the Holy Spirit, a sermon preached last Sabbath went home to the heart of a young man, of twenty-two years, and son of one of our deacons. At the Thursday evening meeting, he asked us to pray for him. After the meeting he came to me and said, "I want to be a Christian. I can't hold out any longer." We walked home together. When opposite his house he said, "Will you come in, and have another little prayer-meeting with me?" Of course I went in with him. We sang, read the Scriptures, and prayed together until midnight. While thus engaged he accepted Christ. The old deacon fell on the neck of his son, and kissed him, weeping tears of joy. A scene like this makes one forget the care and toil of home missionary life. If the joy on earth is so great, what will the fullness of joy be, in eternity!—*Rev. J. Davies, Pullman.*

FROM DAKOTA.—When we came here in December, we found five professing Christians in a town of ninety inhabitants. There was one drug-store, which was a toll-gate to perdition, and two saloons. Three fourths of the men of the town, over fifteen years of age, spent every leisure moment at the gambling tables. As a nucleus we had a few earnest workers, living from one to seven miles away from the town. We made three separate efforts to begin a series of meetings, and were prevented each time by blizzards, and extreme cold weather. But, trying to be patient in tribulation, and awaiting God's time, we finally secured the assistance of our General Missionary, Rev. D. R. Tomlin, and held a four weeks' meeting. During the last service, several were on their feet, asking the prayers of Christian people, while nearly the whole audience stood with them as witnesses of God's free salvation. The saloons are closed, and their keepers have disappeared. Last Sabbath, forty new members, happy in their first love, were added to the church. A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been organized. The moral sentiment of the town has undergone an entire change. The Devil can hardly muster a quorum for his card-tables. Two men who have made a business of playing the violin for public dances, have been soundly converted, and are hard at work for Christ. They have been instrumental in bringing in some life-long infidels. Spiritualists, Moralists, and Universalists are busily studying their Bibles to see "if these things be so,"—and now the cry is heard, "We must have a church building!" We have already subscribed \$800, and expect soon to make it more. This, with help from the Church Building Society, will give us a comfortable little church, where we may worship God. All this in the face of our extreme poverty. When God works, none can hinder. In Brother Tomlin, the Society have certainly

a workman who should be kept upon the field at any price. The special blessing of God rests upon his labors. In six months, more than one hundred and fifty souls have been led, through his efforts, from darkness into light.—*Rev. G. J. Battey, Canova.*

FROM KANSAS.—A young lady who sings in our choir, has taken a decided step for Christ. She is the daughter of the wealthiest citizen in our county, a bright, cultured, and promising young lady of about twenty years. Her parents have had little sympathy for Christian work and life. After this young lady had made an open profession of her faith, I called upon her mother with the intention of broaching the subject to her and informing her of her daughter's decision for Christ. I knew she needed some one to do this for her under the circumstances. I expected to be politely received, but not cordially. I opened the subject at once, and when the mother learned of her daughter's decision, she broke down and wept, saying "There must be a change in this household; I think I am willing to take that step myself." I then talked to her about the necessity of a change, and presented Christ as the helper and Savior. Since then the daughter has been baptized, and has united with the church, and the other members of the family are in attendance upon divine service every Sunday. I am sure the good Master is opening more than one door for us, and we are ready to enter. The ladies of the church conduct a daily prayer-meeting; and some who have never said a word in public have been induced to confess Christ. Quite a number are offering special prayer for the conversion of their husbands. Our Sabbath-school is prospering under efficient officers and teachers. The newly elected teachers pledge themselves to the following conditions: I am a Christian. I will study the lesson faithfully. I will attend the teachers' meetings if possible. I will visit each scholar in my class. I will attend each Sabbath, or send a substitute.

We have not yet received a communication from any one with respect to aid for a bell for our church. I do wish some one who is able might help us in securing a bell. How it would increase the attendance at our services! The church is situated in a part of the town in which there is no other. This would be a profitable investment for some one who desires to use his money for the cause of Christ.—*A Home Missionary.*

REV. W. B. GRAY, Lake Henry, Dak., solicits second-hand Sunday-school books, with which to replenish the shelves of his "Exchange Library." He puts the books into as good condition as possible, and loans them to a destitute home missionary Sunday-school. When read, they are returned for repairs, and sent from one school to another as long as they hold together.

A LETTER FROM TURKEY.

BY REV. B. M. COLE, BITLIS, TURKEY IN ASIA.

THOUGH not having met in the flesh, a worker in distant Asia wishes to send greetings over the seas to your beloved Society, not alone for its sake and the noble work it is seeking to accomplish for our dear country, but because of the sad news to us personally, from Walla Walla Washington Territory.

In our late war, when rebels were pushing on defiantly towards the Capitol, came the crushing news to my classmate that his brother had fallen in defense of his country. The sorrowing one at once sent back speeding over the wires to the company, the words, "Captain, take his place in brother's place!" Similar feelings well up within us to-day as we hear that your General Missionary, Rev. N. F. Cobleigh, of Walla Walla has dropped out of the ranks of the too few noble workers in the distant Northwest. A whole army of immortal souls is in danger to-day as they cross swords upon a plain where Satan holds such defiant sway. The fight is raging in a conflict quite too unequal.

The cry went out for volunteers for the Northwest, and our brother was quick to respond, though leaving an inviting field in Vermont, and when almost ready to decide in favor of the foreign field. Since then responses from others have been more frequent, and we had begun to hope that the field would be duly manned. But alas, that the delinquency appears in another quarter, and where, least of all, we ought to expect it. How the States and towns did rally around our flag in the dark days of the war! How the bounties were rolled up, individuals being willing to part with their thousands, if they might but put the substitutes into the field! See brave hearts waiting about recruiting offices, eager to put down their name to fight for home and liberty. But no less eager and to be commended were those that gave the boys in blue such a send-off, backing it up all the way along with every possible support, as the conflict thickened about them.

But the case of the Church and its workers to-day, is quite another affair,—a matter of secondary importance. Must liberty be counted the corner stone of our republic, while God and his Church hold a second place? Messages of our chief magistrates do not read like this, nor did the conduct of our pilgrim fathers correspond to it, when they magnified so much the Church and religious education. If such be not true, why must our missionary societies plead loud and long for the necessary facilities to turn back this current of irreligion that threatens one of the fairest countries the sun shines upon? We foreign workers have been much encouraged by seeing so many offering themselves for missionary service. But what must be the effect upon us all, when we see this lack of financial support? We read in our dear brother's last

earthly missive that he was trying to carry extra burdens, including financial—because of your embarrassed treasury, and it aggravates our sorrow to know that he fell in the harness, from overwork. He was supplying churches here and there which you had been unable to provide with pastors. He writes, “The condition of the treasury of the American Home Missionary Society hinders the work. I am trying to help along several churches by preaching to them occasionally. Emigrants keep coming, and towns are growing, and new work *has* to be started, but so much must be left undone for want of funds. I shall put \$200 or more, into the work this year.” Let churches think of this for a twelve months’ contribution, when they allow the work to languish for want of funds.

Obviously it is unbecoming me, one of the family, to speak of Mr. Cobleigh as a man and worker, to you who have followed his work the past five years. Suffice it to say, that his letters have read like veritable chapters from the foreign field. In place of our long horseback rides he has with his carriage and ponies driven up and down his great field thousands of miles in a few months, preaching daily to interested audiences, some of the time lodging in places where, if like us he did not have the puffing old buffalo and braying donkey of the Orient, he was once at least aroused at night by a grunting old hog prowling about under his couch! “But,” he says, “on the whole I find good food and as good beds as Paul slept on. I am happy in my work. I love to labor for the Master. Do not pity me. I am glad to toil.” These words he wrote to his mother not long before he heard of her sudden death. When this sad news came he was about going into the pulpit, and he did not delay because of it, but spoke with such an unction of the Spirit that several conversions was the result.

But he has gone now. You have lost a noble, devoted laborer, of comparative youth, and we a beloved brother. He came home weary from overwork in his constant touring, and for the rest, let a malignant form of malarial fever tell the story. Gone—a robust and comparatively young man of so much esteem and promise in his field, and, as we fear, from overwork. Why do the churches fail to back up, as they should, their volunteers at the front in God’s ARMY? May such a loss arouse them to the demands of duty. Oh, that 1888 might prove for finances, what 1887 was for missionary recruits! We may not surrender an important post in Turkey to take the place of him that has fallen, but we gladly forward our contribution to your treasury, while we pray the Lord to put it into the hearts of his people to abundantly replenish it, as a support and safeguard to the faithful workers that remain.

PLEASE send me 150 copies of “Fresh Facts and Figures,” a leaflet that ought to be committed to memory by all Christians of our order in the land.—*Rev. A. W. Hazen, Middletown, Ct.*

SUGGESTIVE.—By the way, did you ever hear the story of the deacon and the tramp? The deacon's heart was touched for the poor tramp, and he decided to give him a slice of bread. While cutting the bread it occurred to the deacon that he would minister to the spiritual, as well as the temporal necessities of his guest. So he asked him to repeat after him the Lord's Prayer. The deacon commenced:

"Our Father," "Our Father," says the tramp. "Which art?"—"Hold!" says the tramp. "Is God your father?" "Yes," says the deacon. "And is he my father, too?" "Yes." "Then we are brothers." "Yes, that is so," says the deacon.

"Well, then," exclaims the tramp, "if I am your brother, suppose you cut that slice a little thicker!"—*A Home Missionary Superintendent.*

A PIECE OF PAPER.—I was asked to go to a public house in Nottingham to see the landlord's wife who was dying. I found her rejoicing in Christ as her Savior. I asked her how she found the Lord. "Reading that," she replied, handing me a torn piece of paper. I looked at it, and found that it was a part of an American newspaper, containing an extract from one of Spurgeon's sermons, which extract had been the means of her conversion. "Where did you find this newspaper?" I asked. She answered, "It was wrapped around a parcel sent to me from Australia!" Talk about the hidden life of a good seed! Think of that! A sermon preached in London, conveyed to America, then to Australia, part of it torn off for the parcel dispatched to England, and after all its wanderings, giving the message of salvation to that woman's soul! God's Word shall not return unto him void.—*From an Evangelist.*

FROM A GERMAN MISSIONARY.—I have had much trouble in my field with some members. They cannot be satisfied with other members. They sought always to find out the faults of others. They care not for their virtues. Now we have had a conference, and two members must go away. It is the conclusion of the church. I think our future for the next coming time, is good. I cannot go more to A. because the people may not go again to the family in which we held our church, and another room is not yet here, because the other members are all bachelors, and have no house, and work in different place. There are many who will do nothing now for the work of Christ. A man has begun after my sermon, a fight, because he felt bad at me and could not be satisfied with my different thinks. I hope I may begin my church again in another house, and when they hear the Word, it shall be better. In B. is my congregation growing in, and on the outside. I am glad, if only it is the work of God that is growing. May the Lord bless his work to its furtherance. and to the spreading of his name!

Woman's Department.

WORDS FOR WORKERS.—Even our Lord cannot seem to get on without some human means of love and prayer, and the more serious and grave the fight, the more he needs tears and wrestling from us. We must pray and pray until the tears come, and then he will assure us that He is with us, and will do all things right for us. *He needs us so much that he never will waste our soul power, nor allow it to be spent in vain.* The Lord is our friend; this is true. He is with us; this also is true. He is magnificent, tender, strong, and loyal to us. He is to be trusted to complete any work which we begin and find beyond our ability to carry on. When that work is not for ourselves, but for one more soul to be redeemed—one more trophy of his grace—he must, he *will* see it to the glorious end. “I will call for the corn and *increase* it, and lay no famine upon you.”—*Mrs. S. B. Capron.*

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

A LETTER bearing the Oregon postmark brought smiles of welcome to certain faces at the Bible House, last week. The following message will surely give courage to the hearts of those who are praying that the women organized for missionary work in our land may soon touch hands from ocean to ocean.

“The Woman's Home Missionary Society for Oregon and Washington Territory is not recognized in your list of Woman's organizations. Why not?” Simply because we have received no official report of the same, although we have looked in that direction these many months for such glad tidings. Welcome, thrice welcome to the sisterhood! “In the name of our God we will set up our banners.”

CONNECTICUT.

WE have received the second annual report of the WOMAN'S CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF CONNECTICUT, for the year ending December, 1887.

OFFICERS.—President, Mrs. Francis B. Cooley; Secretary and Registrar, Mrs. Samuel M. Hotchkiss; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs; all of Hartford. There are three vice-presidents, an executive committee of twelve, and a finance committee.

The record before us shows marked progress in the methods and work of this working Union. At the beginning of the year a circular letter in the form of a "New Year's Greeting" was sent to every Congregational church in the State. It met with a cordial welcome, and brought in several new auxiliaries. To the fifteen auxiliaries of the first year, twenty were added during the second, and up to April the number had reached forty-four. One encouraging feature is an increasing demand for missionary literature. To knowledge, you may always add a more intelligent interest. This Union has extended most liberal and valuable assistance to the extreme frontier at the West, to the mountain whites and freedmen of the South, to the Spanish in New Mexico and New York, to the Mormons in Utah, to the Bohemians in Cleveland, to Whitman College in Washington Territory, and to the Indians in Dakota. With intelligence flowing in from all these points we cannot wonder that the Union has steadily increased in power and influence, and that its treasury has doubled its record of the year before, having received up to March, 1888, over four thousand dollars.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE WOMAN'S H. M. UNION OF CONNECTICUT.

[CERTAIN States without a Woman's Home Missionary Organization ask for some form of constitution by which such an organization may be formed. We will present from time to time the different State constitutions which have been successfully adopted, and which we trust will prove suggestive.]

I. THIS organization shall be called the Woman's Congregational Home Missionary Union of Connecticut, and shall consist, in addition to the women named in the act of incorporation, of such women in the several Congregational parishes of Connecticut as have a friendly interest in Congregational home missionary work.

II. Its object shall be to aid the work carried on by the several National Congregational benevolent Societies laboring for our own country, and the Missionary Society of Connecticut.

III. Its officers shall be a president, one vice-president, or more, a registrar, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor, a finance committee, and an executive committee, who shall be chosen annually, and shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. The president, vice-presidents, registrar, and executive committee shall be chosen by the Union. The secretary, treasurer, auditor, and finance committee, shall be chosen by the executive committee.

IV. The executive committee, of which the secretary and treasurer shall not be members, shall consist of at least fifteen, including the president and vice-presidents, of whom four shall be a quorum. They may fill

vacancies in all offices ; may make their own rules, subject to the pleasure of the Union ; shall seek by such means as they deem best, or as are ordered by the Union, to secure auxiliaries, to obtain offerings, and generally to promote the object of the Union ; shall arrange for its meetings, and shall make an annual report.

V. The Union shall hold an annual meeting at a time and place named by itself or by the executive committee, on notice issued by the president or secretary at least seven days before said meeting.

VI. This constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds present at any annual meeting, if the amendment has been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or is recommended by the executive committee.

Rules.

1. The President shall consult the interests of the Union and preside at its meetings, and at the meetings of the Executive Committee.

2. A Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President as occasion may require.

3. The Registrar shall keep the records of the Union.

4. The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall keep their records and papers ; with the agreement of the President, shall call meetings of the Committee ; shall conduct correspondence ; shall supervise publications ; shall prepare the annual report for the Committee ; shall draw all orders on the treasury through the Treasurer ; shall avail herself of opportunities to give information in relation to forming auxiliaries ; and, in general, shall seek, at her discretion, or as she may be ordered, the interests and object of the Union, and shall report annually to the Committee.

5. The Treasurer shall take donations and bequests and give proper receipts therefor ; shall make to the Secretary at the close of each month a detailed statement of the receipts during that month ; shall give bonds, if required ; and shall report to the Executive Committee annually, and oftener if required, the receipts and disbursements, and the property in hand.

6. The Auditor shall examine the accounts of the Union, including those of the Secretary and Treasurer, and report annually, or oftener if required, to the Executive Committee.

7. The Finance Committee shall advise the Treasurer as may be necessary ; shall examine annually, or oftener as occasion may require, all the property of the Union ; shall consult its financial prosperity ; and shall report annually to the Executive Committee.

8. Offerings shall be applied according to the will of the donors. Offerings without designation shall be applied as ordered by the Executive Committee.

9. A local organization of women in Connecticut may be an auxiliary of the Union by paying five dollars annually for that purpose ; and, as such, it will be expected to report annually to the Secretary. The payment of twenty dollars constitutes an individual a Life Member of the Union.

10. These rules may be amended by a vote of two thirds of those present at any meeting of the Union.

A PERPLEXED TREASURER.

WHAT can be done to raise money? I have racked my brains in vain, considering this plan and that, and now I do marvel that officers of benevolent societies ever attain to old age !

Some one suggested *naively* the other day that the best way of raising money was to GIVE IT. Yet one might give all and it would be but a drop in the bucket. The calls are so many and so urgent, one feels in despair. I used to rest with a good deal of comfort upon tithes ; but now it seems to me that the tenth is *due*, and it is only what we give beyond, that is a free-will offering to the Lord. In what style to live—how to treat one's self and one's family—how far to indulge tastes for beauty, art, etc., are puzzling questions. It is not with me how much I ought to spend, but *how little* is it policy or possibly duty to conform to the customs of the community. My "cravings" are not for these indulgences as a general thing, but it is difficult to know how far it is right to abstain.

NEBRASKA.—The Woman's Missionary Association of Nebraska has given all its home missionary work to the Nebraska Woman's H. M. Union, and, as an auxiliary of the Woman's Board of the Interior, will limit its work hereafter to Foreign Missions.

A DESERVED TRIBUTE.—The Kansas *Telephone*, while expressing sorrow at the loss of so able, consecrated, and effective a missionary organizer and leader as Superintendent Blanchard has proved himself to be, adds the following tribute to one with whose pen we have become somewhat familiar in these pages: "We feel that it is not out of place to add that Brother Blanchard's resignation brought to the churches in Kansas a double loss, in the removal from us of 'the elect lady,' his wife, who had won the hearts of all the women of our churches who are working and praying for the cause of Christian missions."

AN OUTBURST.

I HAVE been reading *The Home Missionary*, and am simply wretched! I know that *some* of the needs of our land are met, but my soul is burdened by the terrible needs that we *haven't* met. The words of those dear, patient workers at the front, touch my heart. There they stand in the thick of it, bravely fighting against all sorts of iniquity, opposition, and indifference, and there they *will* stand, until they fall in the harness; and what are we doing to help them? I must do something more. Inclosed please find my check for one thousand dollars. I know I can spare it if I "scrimp," and I do so want to help. If this country is to be saved, work must be done *now*—and much more of it. Yet our efforts will be for naught unless the Holy Spirit goes with the work, and moves the *hearts*.

How powerless we are! I do feel so helpless when I think about those sin-cursed communities, and I wonder how God *can* delay his coming! Then I feel so ashamed of myself, for if I were what he wants me to be, he could use me more to help on this work. If I ever reach heaven, I'm going to have a long talk with Moses. He was so patient, so forbearing in the midst of the evil, while I want to take right hold and upset things generally, to get them straightened out! Oh, for a spirit that will wait patiently upon God.

A MESSAGE.

IROQUOIS, Dakota, May, 1888.

It is of no use to ask me to go to Saratoga this year. It gives me a big heart-ache to write these words. With the terrible pressure of work upon us in these two growing parishes and our various out-stations, I cannot again leave my husband to carry the burden alone. He has not recovered his full vigor since the wrestle with that awful blizzard. But oh, how I *could* enjoy those meetings! My heart has been greatly comforted by the many requests from Christian friends to meet them there again, but there will be a larger gathering of God's people by and by, and through Christ, I do hope to be there, and look into the faces of those who have loved his precious cause here.

My health has been poor of late. I have been too anxious about the debt on the church. But thank God, one of his own dear saints in Rhode Island has helped us pay that, and my appetite is already on the gain! And now we are working for blinds on the Esmond Church to protect the windows from hail, a bell for the Iroquois Church, also a coat of paint, some horse-sheds, and an organ. But we've made up our minds not to run in debt. We are doing every thing we can to raise money, but it is a scarce commodity out here on the prairies.

I must tell you about a curious SURPRISE PARTY. Mrs. Doane keeps house for her soldier son. She is about eighty years old, but does her own work. She lives five miles west of Esmond. We were invited one cold, windy day to go with a party and surprise Mrs. Doane. We had a pleasant time, and a good supper. At the table a plate was passed for a collection. This was a "new wrinkle," but Mr. Drake put in a quarter. They said afterward, that my face was a study. I couldn't understand it at all. The collection amounted to fifteen dollars, and before I knew what was coming, Mrs. Doane was presenting it to *me*—in a nice little speech! The presentation also included certain packages which had been brought there. Well, I, who had come to surprise Mrs. Doane, was the only surprised one in the company.

Last Sunday we had service and Sunday-school here, then I went to Esmond and held service there, leaving Mr. Drake to conduct the evening meeting at Iroquois. Then I went to an out-station five miles from Esmond, where I remained all night. Came home Monday morning to find my house topsy-turvy. Two ministers had been keeping house while I was gone. Every mouthful of food in the house had been eaten. As a rule, ministers are not good housekeepers! Tired as I was, I had to go to work and clear up to have a place to rest in.

Our congregations are very large. Our Sunday-schools are the largest in the county. Our field has outgrown us. We *must* have help. These rapidly growing churches, and our out-stations, are too much for one couple. Oh, for more laborers! To-morrow I go to Canova, forty miles away, to help organize a "Ladies' Aid Society" there. They need a church and parsonage. We have had so much experience in this line that we are often invited to help plan.

I shall be very impatient to hear from the Saratoga meeting. I know you will all be much interested in Mrs. Pickett's Rocky Mountain experiences. I pray that the Holy Spirit may be present in great power at that meeting to open the eyes of our dear sisters to the present need of consecration to the work of Christ, and incline their hearts to enter joyfully into the blessed service.—*Mrs. A. J. Drake.*

TOO TRUE.—A little girl, who, with a playmate, had been through the town collecting money for missions, reported as follows: "Some were very pleasant to us; some treated us badly; and some gave us money just to get rid of us."

A NEBRASKA pastor wants to thank the friend who sends him *The "New Englander."* He enjoys it exceedingly. When he has read it he passes it on to a brother minister in a neighboring town.

Our Young People.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

THE "Easter Penny" plan has become very popular, and the children are making some shrewd and successful investments of pennies for missions. One little fellow not a thousand miles from the Bible House, New York City, has become quite expert in converting laths into yard sticks, and even into pew racks. Miss Le Cato, who has been lending pennies in this vicinity, tells us of this boy, and also of a little girl who bought a penny's worth of darning cotton, and mends the family stockings at a penny a pair.

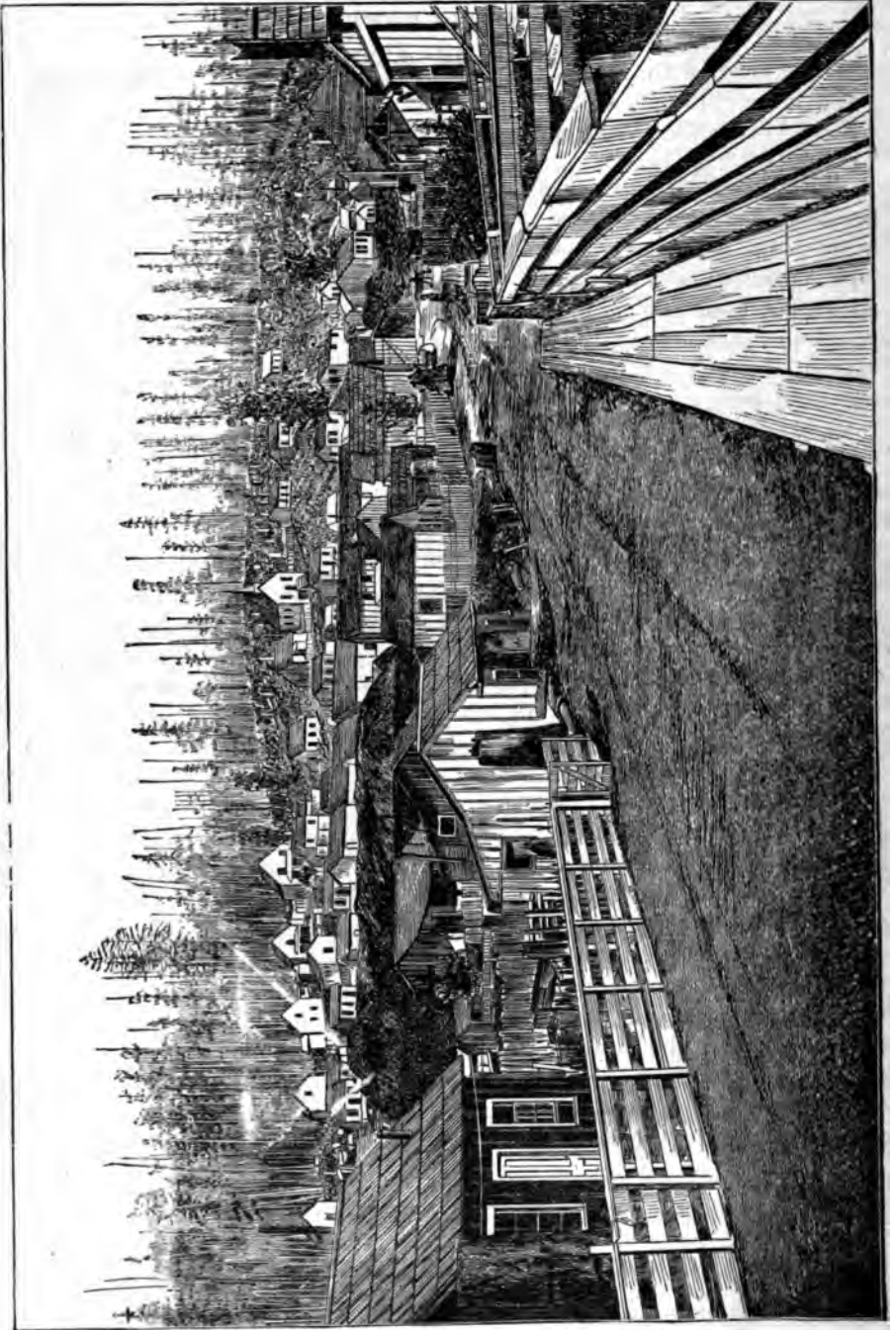
In De Smet, Dakota, the superintendent of the Sunday-school has been distributing *nickels*, instead of pennies, which the children invested so well that they brought in \$30.50 to the missionary fund. Two of these Dakota boys invested in lettuce seed, and another put his nickel into pease, which returned him five-fold. Little Clare gained one hundred per cent. selling radishes. A little girl bought six eggs, from these she hatched five chickens, two of which died, but she sold the remaining three for sixty cents. A lady bought a spool of thread, and sold the articles knit from it for thirty cents. Three business men in the Sunday-school formed a company, and invested their united capital in pins and hairpins. The returns from these were reinvested in flour. They reported at last \$4.10.

"Out on the prairie," says the missionary, Rev. J. R. Bonney,— "two miles from the town, is a family consisting of a father, mother and seven children. They live in a very plain house, wear plain clothing, eat plain food, and work very hard. The mother invested her nickel in turkeys' eggs, every one of which produced a "real live turkey," and she was able to return \$4.15 from her nickel. Anna, the oldest daughter, raised squashes, and sold them for \$1.25. Alice raised chickens and sold them for \$1, and Frank planted pop corn, and made eighty-five cents. Edwin peddled water-melons, and made \$1.05, and finally, the six-year-old twins raised chickens and sold them for \$1.50. We had \$9.80 from this one poor, hard-working family. What a help to the glorious cause, if there were more such families!"

BANNER STATE THIS MONTH.

IN CONTRIBUTIONS—MICHIGAN.

IN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS—DAKOTA.



A MINING TOWN.

WE are sure that our boys and girls will be interested in this picture of a mining town away across the continent in Washington Territory. But a visit to the mine itself would, of course, be even more interesting. It seems strange enough to go down, down into the shaft hundreds of feet below the surface of the earth and there walk about through the great tunnels under the ground. Every now and then you will meet a miner going to or from his work with a little lamp in the top of his hat. The miners work night and day—not the same ones, of course, but part of them on the night “shift” and part on the day “shift,” so that the work is constantly going on. As you pass along through the darkness, suddenly you hear a strange sound: “Got up there, go ‘long,” and the first you know you meet a boy and a donkey drawing a load of coal. The donkey draws the coal, but the boy does the encouraging. Just think of meeting a live donkey and a live boy hundreds of feet under ground!

While sitting around our bright, cheerful coal-fires in the winter, how little we think of the thousands of men who spend their lives digging the coal out of the veins of the earth. The picture shows us the homes of some of these men. The houses do not look so very comfortable outside, but you are sure to find many merry hearts within, unless you happen to call when they are under ground at work. By the side of the houses you will notice some stumps that are nearly as tall as the houses themselves. That is the way most of the trees are cut in that region, from six to ten or twelve feet above the ground. Some time we will tell you why this is done so, and how it is done.

On the hill in the center of the camp stands the little church. It was built almost entirely by the miners, and two or three years ago, they worshiped there every Sunday. Since then they have been without a pastor as they are not able to support one without help from the Home Missionary Society, and the Society has not been able to help them because of a lack of funds. Nearly a hundred boys and girls meet in this little chapel every Sunday for Sunday-school. What a pity with all they have done, and are willing to do for themselves, that they can not hear the Gospel preached, merely because they are poor and unable to support a pastor without help from Christians in the East! And yet there are more than a thousand just such places in our country to-day where no one is preaching the Gospel.

Should we not be grateful to these miners who spend their lives in the cold and lameness and darkness under ground, that we may be comfortable in the winter? What a splendid thing it would be to show our gratitude by helping to send them the blessed Gospel of Christ!

Should we not also be grateful to Him, who, for our comfort formed in the heart of the earth these great beds of coal, ages before we were born? Can we not also show our gratitude to Him by helping to send the Gospel of His dear Son to every mining camp in the world?—*Rev. C. C. Otis.*

HARRY.

MY California Harry was as bright and lovable a boy as you often meet, but alas! his father was a drunkard. In spite of this, however, Harry became a Christian, and although only nine years old, he lived like a Christian. Harry's father was a doctor, and he and his mother could remember a happy home where they had not known want. Harry was truly "Mamma's little man" and I have heard them talk over those happy days, while he helped her do the work, and watch the younger children who had known only poverty. I talked often to Harry's father about his bad habits, but it did not do any good. At last he went away and left his family altogether, and nobody knew what had become of him. The children could not come to Sunday-school for want of respectable clothing. The boys made fun of Harry, and the neighbors treated his mother very coldly. I never entered a more sorrowful and desolate home.

But the father in his wanderings was followed by the prayers of a Christian mother long since dead. The Lord brought him to the "husks." Ashamed of himself, he determined to return to his family. Once determined, his feet hastened. In three days he walked a hundred miles over the mountainous road. When exhausted he lay down, and slept. When he awaked he resumed his journey. So he came on, making no distinction between night and day. It was after midnight when he knocked at the door of his home, and called his wife by name. She was frightened at first; then she thought she had been dreaming.

Harry came for me the next day, and I hastened over. "Mr. H," said the boy, breathless with energy and hope and joy, "Papa told me he wouldn't drink any more!"

When we reached the house Dr. B. grasped me warmly by the hand, and begged me to talk with him. We had a long talk. He seemed broken down with true repentance, and sought forgiveness for his sins. We all knelt together, while this returning prodigal looked to his Heavenly Father for pardon and divine strength.

When we were alone, the father told me that in the morning Harry had climbed on his knee, and lovingly laid his head on his shoulder; for although that young face had been many a time shamefully bruised by the hand that should have protected him, the child had never ceased

to love his father. As he sat there upon his knee he said, "Papa, I want you to promise me something." "What is it, my boy?" "I want you to get the Bible out of the trunk, and open it, and kiss it, and say you won't drink ever again." "And this is the Bible," said the father, as he drew it from his pocket, while his eye glistened with resolution, as well as emotion. "Never will another day pass that I don't read a chapter from it." The next night the wind was high, and the miserable house was partly blown over, so that they were left almost out of doors. "But," said the man, as he looked at the ruin, "strange as it may seem, I never had so happy a night! God's peace was in my heart!"—*Rev. H. W. Houlding.*

A QUALIFIED COMPLIMENT.

[We are indebted to Rev. W. G. Puddefoot for the following:]

H— —, Mass.

REV. MR. PUDDEFOOT Dear Sir—I think you had the best sermon that I ever heard, but you must remember that I have not probably heard so many sermons as you have, for I am only 11 years old.

I intend to be a missionary, and go out to Neb. Mich. Indian Ter. or some other state or Ter. as you do. I didnt say frontier because if places grow then as you said they have been growing, there wont be any frontier to go to.

I wish you would write more in the home Missionary, for I imagine they would be pretty good to read Sunday afternoons, but I suppose you have enough without.

Did you see while you was peaching your sermon or before I don't care which, three boys on your left hand side on the front seat? If you did the one in the farther corner was me.

If you could, and have any of those small round paintings left I will send you ten cents and with papa, mamma, Mark, and Frank adding some to it, maybe you can send us one for we didnt get a chance to get one Sunday.—*With love, J. P. T.*

QUESTIONS.

48. Why did certain eminent ministers of New England go to Boston, Mass., Jan. 11, 1826?

49. In what city was The American Home Missionary Society formed?

50. How many people came together to form it, and in what church did they meet?
51. By what churches is this Society supported?
52. Ought every Congregational church in the country to help support this Society?
53. Why?
54. Does *your* church help? Ask your pastor.
55. Define the word "auxiliary."
56. What is a State auxiliary?
57. How many State auxiliaries has this Society?
58. Name the States.
59. Where do you find these names?
60. What must a State do, to become an Auxiliary of The American Home Missionary Society?

American College and Education Society.

REV. JOHN A. HAMILTON, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. THEODORE Y. GARDNER, *Western Secretary.*

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10 Congregational House, Boston.

[Money for the Society may be sent to JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; or to REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., 34 Bible House, New York.]

AN URGENT NEED.—During a single week in April upwards of 23,000 immigrants from foreign lands came to our shores. It is not a new story—only the old one intensified—these, with the vast numbers still coming, go to make up the unconverted multitudes of our heterogeneous, swiftly increasing population. Is there an increase corresponding to this in the direction of proper educational and religious opportunities? It may at least be said that the public schools are doing much to meet the necessities implied. The same may be affirmed in respect to the means of higher education. Churches too are springing up to keep pace with the rapid multiplication of villages and cities on our steadily advancing frontier. In our own denomination the gain in churches is at the rate of at least seventy a year. But the same cannot be said of the increase of ministers for the supply of those churches. The net gain of our ministers per year is less by fifteen than that of our churches. This includes *all* ministers, whether partially or liberally educated. That the question of ministerial supply, in the present and prospective condition of our church, is one that demands grave and prayerful consideration, will appear from the following extracts from an appeal from the Faculty of the Chicago Theological Seminary:—

Dear Brother :—We desire again to lay upon your heart the great need of more ministers, better trained ministers, ministers well grounded in our polity and loyal to it, and ministers able to preach the Gospel to the varied and multitudinous population of this great Northwest. The number of our students of theology is rapidly increasing, but is still far from keeping pace with the demand upon us. Were we to graduate seventy-five men a year they could all readily find fields of labor within the territory of the Seminary, not to speak of at least ten a year, who should go out from our Institution for work in the foreign fields. Will you not, therefore, make it a matter of special prayer and effort, to find at least one young man whom you can conscientiously and hopefully turn towards the study of theology? Is there not some student in college to whom you could speak or write, urging the claims of the ministry upon him? Is there not some boy of promise whom you can incline towards this service? Has your church produced even one minister to preach the Gospel? There is surely need that the responsibility of every congregation to provide men as well as money for spreading the knowledge of God should be pressed upon the conscience of Christian men. Will you not make at least one definite effort this year to increase the number of godly and learned ministers of the Gospel?

Appointments in April, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Aunks, Frank M., Mendon and Leonidas, Mich.
 Empeon, George C., Sault Ste. Marie and Pine Grove, Mich.
 Haskell, Robert B., Guttenburg, N. J.
 Jenkins, John J., West Austintown, Ohio.
 Lineberry, William W., Hammond and North Side Mission, Ohio.
 Power, John G., Springview and Enterprise, Neb.

Re-commissioned.

Barker, Peleg, Royal Oak, Mich.
 Beecher, Edward, D.D., Parkville, N. Y.
 Bunnell, John J., Bridgman, Sawyers and Mt. Tabor, Mich.
 Chandler, Joseph, Lakeland, Minn.
 Clapp, Cephas F., Oakland, Cal.
 Clayton, Thomas, Zanesville, Ohio.
 Cook, Charles H., Auburn, Cal.
 Corwin, Charles L., Park City, Utah.
 Davies, David D., Mt. Carmel, Penn.
 Dilley, Alexander B., Lake Worth and Malabar, Fla.
 Ellis, Walter M., Mayville, No. Dak.
 Fales, Elisha F., Palestine, Tex.
 Fifield, Charles W., Sand Bank, N. Y.
 Frickstad, Taral T., Raymond, Cal.
 Fuller, Edgar R., Mannfield, Sunnyside and Oakdale, Fla.
 Harrison, James, North Bend, Neb.
 Heckendorn, George M., Tomahawk, Wis.

Herrick, Henry M., Winona, Minn.
 Hill, Emmett C. W., Columbia, So. Dak.
 Hoyt, Frederic V., Farmington and Endicott, East Wash. Ter.
 Hull, John H., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Johnson, Lorenzo C., Britt, Wesley and out-stations, Iowa.
 Jones, William C., Crary's Mills, N. Y.
 Lewis, John T., Powell and vicinity, So. Dak.
 Lewis, W. H., Cherokee City, Ark.
 Lincoln, George E., Highland Station, Mich.
 Lund, Robert E., White Oaks, New Mex.
 McKee, James H., Little Valley, N. Y.
 Magill, Thomas, Reno, Nev.
 Medlar, William Henry, Crookston, Minn.
 Merrill, Miss Sarah R., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Norris, Kingsley F., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Palm, Emanuel J., Christina Lake, Alexandria, Lake Ida, Holmes City and Maine, Minn.
 Partridge, Lewis C., Longwood and West Longwood, Fla.
 Ralston, Edward S., Lincoln, Neb.
 Richards, Howard A. N., Hampden, Ohio.
 Sutherland, Ward T., Ashland, Wis.
 Taylor, David F., Peccadero and Fairview, Cal.
 Taylor, Samuel, Lawrence and Hartford, Mich.
 Thrall, Homer, Columbus, Ohio.
 Todd, David E., Leona and Highland, Kan.
 Van Dyne, John H., McAllister, Savannah and Coal Creek, Ind. Ter.
 Wirt, David, Arlington and Pasco, Or.
 Würrschmidt, Christian W., Mitchell, Wartburg, Alpena and out-stations, So. Dak.

Receipts in April, 1888.

MAINE—\$104.16.

Cumberland Mills, Warren Ch., by Rev. E. M. Cousins.....	\$96 31
Scarboro, by Rev. A. Smith.....	7 83

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$228.60.

Concord, A Friend.....	5 00
Dover, First Ch., by J. H. Wheeler...	120 10
Hampton, J. P. Mason.....	1 00
A Friend of Home Missions.....	5 00
Keene, A Friend.....	8 00
Kingston, A Friend.....	5 00
North Hampton, A Friend, by E. Gove	20 00
Portsmouth, Mrs. M. Buford, by J. T. Rand.....	5 00
Wakefield, Daniel Smith.....	57 50
Warner, Mrs. R. W. Sargent.....	2 00

VERMONT—\$136.00.

Bennington Center, Sunday-school of the First Cong. Ch. of Christ, by Mary A. Harwood.....	38 00
Fairfax, Mrs. M. S. Forsyth, \$5; Mrs. E. S. Chamberlin, \$2, special.....	7 00
St. Johnsbury, Mrs. William P. Fair- banks, special.....	75 00
Vergennes, by A. Ross.....	15 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$3,130.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc. by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	\$1,000 00
By request of Donors.....	405 08
of which \$16 for Bohemian S. S. work, \$50 from Y. P. S. C. E., Eliot Ch., Newton, for Salary Fund, and \$1 for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	
Amherst, First Ch., by W. Hamlin.....	60 00
South Ch., by J. E. Merrick.....	5 70
Arlington, Ladies' Benev. Circle, Or- thodox Ch., by Mrs. M. J. Wiggin.....	44 00
Beverly, Mrs. E. M. Knowlton.....	8 00
Blackington, Ch., J. H. Reynolds.....	39 00
Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., Mrs. Sarah K. Burgess, Treas., for Salary Fund.....	150 55
Dorchester, Mrs. Walter Baker, spec- ial.....	100 00
Fitchburg, F. C. Hoyt.....	1 40
Framingham, A. M.....	2 00
Hadley, First Ch., in full, to const. Mrs. J. S. Smith & L. M., by Mrs. E. Smith.....	28 00
Russell Ch., by Rev. E. S. Dwight.....	12 58
Lowell, L. Kimball.....	20 00
A. G. S.....	5 00
Monson, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss E. M. Newton.....	25 00
Monterey, by J. Townsend.....	14 80
Randolph, Miss Abby W. Turner.....	100 00
Southbridge, A Friend.....	5 00
South Worcester, Ch. of the Covenant Woman's Aux. by Mrs. E. G. Hall.....	6 00
Springfield, Miss C. E. Bowdoin.....	40 00
H. M.....	1,000 00
Stockbridge, Y. P. S. C. E., by Mrs. S. C. Clough, special.....	10 00
Sunderland, Cong. Sunday-school, by A. S. Williams.....	31 08
Worcester, Ladies' Miss. Soc. of the Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. C. S. Duck- worth.....	10 00
C. F. Groat.....	10 00
Lenex.....	2 00

RHODE ISLAND—\$1.00.

Newport, Master Henry G. Simmons, special.....	1 00
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CONNECTICUT—\$3,659.35; of which
legacies, \$1,850.00.

Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec..	\$113 35
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotch- kiss, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Hartford, A Friend in Park Ch., by Mrs. O. G. Terry, special.....	\$10 00
Wallingford, Ladies' Soc. by Miss Jennie E. Doolit- tle, for Salary Fund.....	125 00
West Chester, Ladies' Soc., special.....	5 00
	140 00

Correction: \$1.50 of the amount contributed to
a missionary horse, should have been credited to
Milford, First Ch., Aux. by Mrs. J. A. Biddle.

Bridgeport, Second Cong. Ch., by O. H. Brothwell.....	28 00
Centerbrook and Ivoryton, Chs, by Rev. L. S. Griggs.....	66 41
Colchester, A Friend.....	10 00
Connecticut, A Friend.....	105 00
X.....	16 35
Durham, First, by H. G. Newton.....	11 45
Enfield, First Cong. Sunday-school, Birthday Offerings, by H. P. Par- sons.....	1 00
Glaucous' Mission Circle, by Mrs. F. B. Goudy.....	30 00
Farmington, Friends, for a Mission- ary Salary.....	75 00
Hartford, Legacy of Elizabeth C. Root, by J. H. Root, Ex.....	1,000 00
Asylum Hill Ch., A Friend, by C. E. Thompson.....	5 00
A Friend, for freight.....	1 00
Lakeville, Salisbury Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. M. H. Williams.....	41 30
Madison, A Helper.....	1 00
Morris, Mrs. J. W. Skilton and her class of Sunday-school boys.....	1 40
New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, in part, by J. B. Baldwin.....	100 00
Davenport Ch., add'l, by C. E. Hart, E. H. Bishop, by F. T. Jarman.....	1 00
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr.....	50 98
Northfield, by L. S. Wooster.....	20 00
Orange, Orange Workers, by R. J. Woodruff.....	4 00
Rocky Hill, On account of Legacy of Rev. A. B. Smith, by Rev. E. Har- mon, Ex.....	850 00
Roxbury, Mrs. E. W. Preston, by E. S. Preston & Son.....	5 00
Sharon, by Rev. J. R. Bourne.....	98 76
Southport, Rev. Z. B. Barr.....	30 00
South Windsor, First, by C. J. Rock- well.....	31 18
Stamford, First Ch., by G. W. Toms, Jr., to const. Dr. T. V. Ketcham & L. M.....	60 15
Stonington by Rev. C. J. Hill.....	200 00
First, by B. F. Williams.....	21 00
Stratford, Mrs. Mary E. Curtiss.....	5 00
Thomaston, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Gilbert.....	20 00
West Winsted, Second Cong. Sunday- school, by C. B. Holmes.....	27 78
Woodbury, First, by J. H. Linsley.....	20 20
Woonsocket, Globe Ch., special.....	400 00

NEW YORK—\$922.52.

Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union, N. Y.: Brooklyn, Ladies' Soc. Ch. of the Pilgrims, for Salary Fund.....	\$127 50
Churchville, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	5 00
Fairport, Mrs. G. Brooks, to const. Mrs. S. E. Pratt a L. M.....	50 00
Oswego, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....	15 00

\$207 50

Brooklyn, New England Cong. Ch., by S. B. Homan.....	25 00
Central Cong. Sunday-school, by D. C. Tiebout.....	7 90
Union Cong. Ch., by E. E. Stewart. A Friend.....	5 00
Buffalo, Pilgrim Ch., by E. M. Dar- ling.....	100 00
Friendship, by Rev. M. Gaffney.....	25 19
Gaines, Ch., \$37.48; Sunday-school, \$8.69, by G. D. Ward.....	8 00
Hicks, Mrs. S. A. Davis.....	46 15
Jamestown, First Cong. Sunday- school, by E. A. Tupper.....	20 00
Rev. W. D. Henry.....	14 56
Rev. W. D. Henry.....	6 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle Ch., C. N. Bliss, \$250; J. T. Leavitt, \$100, to const. Prof. R. A. Rice and Mrs. M. A. Rice L. M.'s.....	10 00
First, Morrisania, by T. T. W. Miner, to const. Rev. R. G. Woodbridge a L. M.....	56 23
Pilgrim Ch., add'l, by H. N. Lock- wood.....	25 00
Union Theo. Sem., by R. E. Far- rier.....	20 37
"Left in Mother's Purse," by W. C. Conant.....	90
North Evans, by Rev. A. Bigelow.....	17 52
Parishville, Mrs. T. Flagg.....	2 00
Richford, by W. Livermore.....	15 00
Richmond Hill, by J. A. Smith.....	14 00
West Winfield, by S. H. Bonfoy.....	16 00

NEW JERSEY—\$43.04.

Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Shervood.....	13 20
Newark, Mrs. A. B. Woodhull.....	5 00
Warrenville, by Rev. G. Baderstcher.....	3 33
Woodbridge, First Ch., by D. S. Voor- hees.....	21 51

PENNSYLVANIA—\$63.30.

Alden, by Rev. D. J. Jones.....	14 50
Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	5 00
Kane, by J. Davis.....	12 00
Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....	6 89
Pittsburg, Welsh Ch., by J. Jarrett.....	30 00
Roxboro, A Friend.....	10 00
Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. W. McCrack- en.....	5 00

MARYLAND—\$5.00.

Baltimore, Missionary Box of Susan D. Metcalf.....	5 00
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$25.00.

Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Cong. Ch., special, for Salary Fund, by Miss L. Patterson.....	25 00
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GEORGIA—\$10.00.

Atlanta, Sunday-school Concert, \$5; Rev. W. Shaw, \$5.....	10 00
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NORTH CAROLINA—\$5.30.

McLeanville, First Ch., \$2.66; Second, \$2.14, by Rev. A. Connet.....	5 30
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ARKANSAS—\$18.00.

Siloam Springs, \$5; Rev. V. E. Loba, \$13.00.....	\$18 00
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FLORIDA—\$126.37.

Daytona, by Rev. C. M. Bingham.....	16 27
Jacksonville, by Rev. R. T. Hall.....	101 61
Tavares, by Rev. A. T. Clarke.....	8 49

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$10.30.

Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....	8 00
McAllister, by Rev. J. H. Van Dyne.....	7 30

NEW MEXICO—\$18.00.

San Rafael, by Rev. J. P. Salazar.....	3 00
White Oaks, by Rev. R. E. Lund.....	10 00

TENNESSEE—\$14.91.

Nashville, Union Ch. Fisk University, by E. C. Stickel.....	\$14 95
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OHIO—\$1,995.42.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, in

March:

Alexis, by Rev. G. B. Brown..... \$5 00 |Brownhelm, by Mollie G.
Goodrich..... 9 00 |

Charlestown, by Rev. L. J.
Donaldson..... 3 50 |

Cincinnati, Central, by Hor-
ace Stacy, of which from
Sunday-school, \$14.25..... 183 87 |

Clarksfield, by Mrs. W. H.
Winans..... 6 00 |

Cleveland, First..... 5 00 |

Euclid Avenue, by T. M.
Bates..... 70 00 |

Columbus, Eastwood, by J.
Jay Barber..... 15 90 |

Grafton, by Rev. E. A.
Hoffman..... 6 93 |

Lafayette, by Rev. E. F.
Baird..... 10 00 |

Lorain, "The dying gift of
Mrs. A. D. Barber"..... 50 00 |

North Amherst, by Rev. K.
H. Crane..... 10 73 |

North Ridgeville, by Rev. J.
P. Riedinger, of which 21c.
from Mrs. Rogers' class..... 13 74 |

Palmyra, by William
Thomas..... 10 00 |

Parkman, by A. D. Wilmot.
Radnor, Ch., \$16.69; Sunday-
school, \$3.31, by John
Powell..... 8 00 |

Ridgeville Corners, by W.
Richardson..... 20 00 |

Rockport, by Rev. I. M.
Channon..... 10 00 |

Sandusky, Ch. and Sunday-
school, by Rev. G. H.
Peeke..... 3 25 |

South Newbury, L. H. M. S.,
by J. S. Way..... 67 53 |

Steuben, by Rev. J. W.
Charlton..... 11 97 |

Sugar Creek, by Rev. J. T.
Griffiths..... 7 07 |

Toledo, Central, by Miss E.
Manning..... 4 36 |

York, by Rev. E. F. Baird..... 15 00 |

Centerville, West Penn.,
Mission Concert, by Ella
M. Clark..... 30 00 |

Corry, West Penn., by D.
Barlow..... 10 00 |

Huntington, West Va., by D.
E. Abbott, of which \$4.38
from Sunday-school..... 5 00 |

Newport, Ky., Arthur W.
Bradley..... 26 53 |

5 00 |

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Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Austinburg, Miss V. A.	
Haight	\$5 00
Greenwich, Ladies' Miss.	
Soc.	5 00
Tallmage, Young Ladies' H.	
M. Soc.	5 00
Vermillion, Ladies' Miss.	
Soc.	5 00

\$20 00

Received in March by C. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland, Ohio:	
Alexandria, Sunday-school.	\$3 25
Cleveland, A Friend.	20 00
Plymouth, Mrs. Gibbons'	
Sunday-school class.	3 70
Euclid Avenue Sunday-	
school.	25 00
Jennings Avenue Ch.	50 00
In Memory of Mrs. H. B.	
Fraser	45 00
Edinburgh, Sunday-school.	4 11
Freedon, Ch.	6 00
Sunday-school.	5 00
Hampden, Ch.	1 75
Sunday-school.	1 25
Huntsburg	5 00
Kent, Sunday-school.	4 17
Lodi	5 90
Newport, Sunday-school.	5 25
South Newbury, Sunday-	
school.	3 03
West Andover	3 30
Williamsfield, Sunday-	
school.	2 50
North Monroeville	9 78
Sharon, Penn.	2 59

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Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Ohio Woman's H. M. Union:	
Cincinnati, Central Cong.	
Ch., L. H. M. S.	25 00
Columbus, Eastwood Ch.,	
Y. L. M. Band.	5 00
Edinburgh, W. M. S., special	5 00
Elyria, First Cong. Ch.,	
Christmas offering from	
Little Helpers.	5 00
Lorain, Ladies, special.	12 00
Medina, Primary Sunday-	
school class.	50

\$32 50

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Bellevue, S. W. Boise	25 00
Cincinnati, Ladies' Aid Soc. of Storrs	
Cong. Ch., by Rev. L. P. Foster	5 00
Elyria, First Ch., of which from E. W.	
M., \$300; H. E., \$250; T. L. N. \$25, by	
H. Ely	711 50
First Cong. Sunday-school for Sun-	
day-school work, by H. Ely	40 00
Kent, by S. Hathaway	9 50
Lodi, A Friend, by E. R. Whipple	10 00
New London, by Rev. F. P. Sanders	6 00
Oberlin, C. Powers	100 00
Rochester, by Rev. F. P. Sanders	10 00
Sheffield, by W. A. Day	8 00
Toledo, First, by M. Bingham	116 00
Twinsburg, Mrs. L. S. Buell, in full, to	
const. Mrs. R. M. Shample, & L. M.,	
by C. B. Lane	30 00
Wakeman, C. S. F.	10 00

INDIANA—\$323.00.

Michigan City, First Cong. Sunday-	
school, Birthday offering, by A.	
Nichols	5 23

ILLINOIS—\$414.44.

Bone Gap, O. S. Rice	\$10 00
Chicago, On account of Rent of Philo	
Carpenter's house, by Rev. J. E.	
Roy, D.D., Trustee	97 44
Griggsville, Mrs. E. H. Philbrick, in	
Memorial, by J. D. Philbrick	300 00
Milburn, "Clydesdale"	2 00
Plymouth, Miss A. A. Burton	5 00

MISSOURI—\$41.70.

Hannibal, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe	2 70
Kidder and Sharon, by Rev. J. M.	
Bowers	14 00
North Springfield, by Rev. H. C.	
Brown	25 00

MICHIGAN—\$1,046.30.

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Woman's Home

Miss. Union:	
Adrian, L. M. S.	\$9 00
Alba, Mite Boxes	5 00
Benton Harbor, W. H. M.	
and Mite Boxes	30 00
Calumet	64 00
Chelsea, Happy Messengers	1 50
Cooper, Pledge cards	2 00
Delta	2 25
Detroit, Trumbull Avenue	
Ch. L. M. S.	15 84
Flint	17 00
Gaylord	10 83
Grass Lake	10 00
Grand Rapids, South Ch.,	
Ladies	5 00
Hancock	15 00
Horton's Bay	5 00
Ironton	5 00
Jackson	10 00
Kalamazoo	48 00
Lacey, Nellie E. Humphrey	1 00
Lake Linden, L. M. S., \$30;	
King's Daughters, \$10	30 00
Leonidas, Ladies of the Ch.	5 00
Mattawan	10 00
Muskegon	10 00
Nunica, Ladies of the Ch.	2 55
Olivet, L. B. S.	20 00
Onekama, W. H. M. S. Mite	
Boxes	5 00
Onondaga	1 00
Saginaw Conference:	
East Saginaw, Y. L. M. S.	
\$11. Emergency Fund.	
\$2 25	\$13 25
Bay City	10 00
Tawas City	6 00

29 25

St. Johns	5 50
St. Ignace, Mission Band,	
Mite Boxes	3 50
South Haven	22 45
Wacousta	4 00
Whittaker	8 00
Wolverine Mite Boxes	8 00

\$419 37

Hunter Horse Fund:	
Alpena, A Friend	5 00
Greenville, Sunday-school,	
add'l.	10
Kalamazoo, Y. P. S. C. E.	10 00

\$15 10

North Star Mission:	
Alba, Sunday-school	11 10
Alpena, Sunday-school	25 00
Alpena, Young Ladies	10 50
Bancroft, Sunday-school	3 50
Benton Harbor, Sunday-	
school	0 00
Benzonia	25 30
Carmel, Sunday-school	2 90
Cheboygan, Sunday-school	1 25

Covert, Sunday-school.....	\$16 60
Dundee, Sunday-school.....	4 00
Eastmanville, Union Sunday-school.....	3 10
East Sayraw, Sunday-school.....	15 00
Eaton Rapids, Twenty-three persons.....	6 00
Essexville, Coll. on Easter Morning, \$1.50; a few pupils, \$1.00.....	3 10
Farwell, Mrs. Hitchcock's Sunday-school class of Boys.....	1 20
Fruitport, Sunday-school.....	2 05
Grand Rapids, Second Ch. Opportunity Club.....	8 50
Hancock, Sunday-school.....	22 00
Homestead, Little Gracie Smith and Sister.....	1 10
Horton's Bay.....	1 60
Ironton, Sunday-school.....	6 35
Ithaca, W. M. S.....	5 25
Kingsroad, Sunday-school.....	1 00
Laingsburg, Sunday-school.....	2 50
Leroy, Sunday-school.....	3 00
Lexington, Sunday-school.....	2 00
Litchfield, Sunday-school.....	00
Mancelona, Sunday-school.....	2 40
Nashville, Sunday-school.....	5 00
North Leoni, Sunday-school.....	85
Northport, W. M. S., \$3.32; Sunday-school Mite Boxes, \$4.51.....	7 83
North Unity, Sunday-school.....	1 10
Oakley, Sunday-school.....	2 00
Olivet, Sunday-school.....	11 00
Richmond, Sunday-school.....	1 33
Romeo, Sunday-school.....	3 50
Rondo, Y. P. N. S., H. and Foreign M. S.....	3 00
St Ignace, Sunday-school.....	8 60
St Johns, Cheerful Givers.....	10 00
Saugatuck, Children's H. M. S., \$3; Sunday-school, \$2.70.....	5 70
Shelby, Sunday-school.....	2 10
Sheridan, Sunday-school.....	6 00
Stanton, Cheerful Workers, Mission Band.....	4 00
Three Oaks, Sunday-school.....	6 50
Utica, Junior C. E. S.....	3 03
Vernon, Buds of Promise, Juvenile M. B.....	5 00
Webster, Sunday-school.....	7 49

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Ann Arbor, First, by R. Campbell.....	83 50
Bridgeport, by Rev. A. A. Wall.....	14 29
Bronson and Gilead, by Rev. J. M. Sutherland.....	13 70
Charlevoix, by Rev. A. O. Downs.....	8 00
Cheboygan, by Rev. W. S. Bugbey.....	6 84
Cleon, add'l, by Rev. R. Redcoff.....	5 75
East Leighton, Union Dorcas Soc., by Rev. J. Whalley.....	2 70
Garden, by Rev. W. C. Hunter.....	11 18
Hersey, by Rev. J. G. Hodges.....	5 60
Hetherton, by Rev. D. H. Pierce.....	2 00
Lake Linden, A Friend, by Rev. J. W. Savage.....	10 00
Leonidas, \$7.50; Mendon, \$6, by Rev. F. M. Aunks.....	13 50
Merrill, by Rev. F. W. Link.....	4 50
Pentwater, by Rev. L. F. Waldo.....	2 00
Perry, by Rev. O. C. Bailey.....	1 64
Pinckney, by J. A. Cadwell.....	12 75
Sault Ste Marie and Pine Grove, by Rev. G. C. Empson.....	10 00
Sheridan, by Rev. A. H. Clafin.....	3 50
Sherman, add'l, by Rev. R. Redcoff.....	4 00
Solon, Maple City and Glen Arbor, by Rev. A. Metcalf.....	16 15
Union City, Dr. J. W. Clark.....	100 00
Shiawassee Township, Union Sunday school, District No. 5, by G. Kirker.....	2 00

[Erroneously acknowledged in May.]

WISCONSIN—\$6.00.

Clear Lake, by Rev. M. Peterson.....	\$1 00
Green Bay, Hattie Olmstead.....	5 00

IOWA—\$9.10.

Clinton, by Rev. G. E. Christofferson.....	5 00
Manchester, C. Sanborn.....	.60
Tipton, First, by Rev. A. G. Brande.....	3 50

MINNESOTA—\$275.72.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:

Cannon Falls.....	5 00
Claremont Ladies' Society.....	5 45
Cottage Grove.....	10 00
Elk River, by H. D. Mills.....	8 65
Mantorville.....	3 31
Minneapolis, Plymouth Church.....	67 30
J. Goldsberry.....	10 00
Winona, First.....	18 00
Zumbrota, Sunday-school.....	6 93

134 64

Ada, by Rev. S. Stone.....	6 50
Alexandria, First, by E. E. Haughwont.....	15 72
Fosston, by Rev. A. A. Davis.....	5 00
Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith.....	8 60
Lamberton and Walnut Grove, by Rev G. H. Smith.....	2 65
Little Falls, by Rev. D. Donovan.....	3 75
Mankato, by Rev. H. A. Bushnell.....	20 50
Minneapolis, First, by W. F. Decker.....	27 23
Lora Hollister.....	1 00
Montevideo, by Rev. W. F. Furman.....	2 00
Ortonville, First, by C. H. Whitman.....	27 04
Rose Creek and Lyle, by Rev. J. S. Rounce.....	1 00
Rushford, by Rev. O. P. Champin.....	20 00

KANSAS—\$395.10.

Received by Rev. L. P. Broad:

Howard.....	35 00
Junction City.....	2 30

37 30

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kans. H. M. Soc.....	37 75
Kansas Woman's H. M. Soc.....	10 08
Argentine.....	8 00
Maple Hill.....	10 00
Russel.....	65 83

Bloomington and Dial, by Rev. F. G. McHenry.....	3 31
Blue Rapids, by Rev. W. M. Brown.....	5 00
Cottonwood Falls, by Rev. J. H. Jones.....	5 00
Dunlap, by Rev. G. P. Clafin.....	6 30
Edmonds and Hill City, by Rev. N. R. George.....	2 00
Haven and Mt. Hope, by Rev. E. J. Collins.....	2 75
Highland, \$7; Leona, \$5, by Rev. D. E. Todd.....	12 00
Junction City, Ch. Birthday offerings, by T. S. Harkin.....	4 50
Leavenworth, First Ch. \$175; Sunday-school, \$25, by G. H. Hyde.....	200 00
Onaga, by Rev. J. J. Wilson.....	1 80
Palermo, Maria Rappelye.....	5 00
Pratt, Mrs. O. B. Smith, by E. F. Smith.....	1 00
Ridgeway, by Rev. M. J. Morse.....	3 50
Stafford and Plevna, by Rev. L. Hull.....	9 25
Topeka, by Rev. A. M. Piper.....	16 50
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	8 00
Waukhara, by Rev. W. R. Egele.....	6 50

NEBRASKA—\$179.93.

Chadron, L. and H.....	5 00
Cowles, by Rev. W. D. Page.....	34 00
Crete, by Rev. J. Schaefer.....	3 00
Culbertson, Osborne and Hayes Co., by Rev. J. Arnold.....	4 63

DeWitt and Plymouth, by Rev. D. E. Hathaway.....	\$50 00
Farnam, by Rev. W. Woolman.....	3 13
McCook, by Rev. W. Sues.....	10 40
Red Cloud, by Rev. M. C. Butler.....	35 28
Seward, Birthday offerings, by Rev. A. M. Darley.....	1 00
Spring Creek and Nelson, by Rev. P. Weldman.....	2 25
Wahoo, by Rev. A. A. Cressman.....	31 25

NORTH DAKOTA—\$51.80.

Received by Rev. H. C. Simmons:	
New Rockford.....	\$5 00
Walcott.....	3 00
Wahpeton.....	13 40
Woman's H. M. Soc.....	7 65

Cooperstown, by Rev. H. P. James.....	1 25
Fargo, First, by F. W. Leavens.....	9 00
Harwood, Ladies' H. M. Soc. by Mrs. H. L. Gilbert.....	6 00
Michigan City, by Rev. W. B. Cunningham.....	6 50

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$154.15.

Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield,	
Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Plankinton.....	\$5 57
Sioux Falls.....	10 00
Yankton.....	7 45

Alpena, \$19.10; Mitchell, \$1.52; Park-	
ton, \$10, by Rev. C. W. Wurschmidt	
Gettysburg, by Rev. P. B. Flisk.....	30 62
Hartland, \$13.91; Lake Henry, \$29.20,	3 75
by Rev. F. G. Appleton.....	43 11
Milbank, Cong. Sunday-school, by G. A. Wood.....	3 29
Sioux Falls, Hattie C. Phillips.....	10 00
Springfield and Running Water, by	
Rev. C. Secombe.....	4 88
Temple, by Rev. S. F. Huntley.....	28 00
Volga, by Rev. H. O. Lawrence.....	4 58
Woman's H. M. Soc., by C. G. Black.....	2 90

COLORADO—\$113.16.

Received by Rev. R. T. Cross:	
West Denver, Ch.....	\$21 25
Sunday-school.....	3 35
Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	11 00
Y. P. S. C. E.....	9 00
Buena Vista, by Rev. J. G. Spencer.....	44 60
Coal Creek, by Rev. M. A. Ellis.....	10 00
Longmont, First, by E. White.....	25 00
	38 56

WYOMING—\$5.00.

Buffalo, by Rev. W. J. Skelton.....	5 00
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MONTANA—\$25.00.

Helena, Conference, by Rev. F. D. Kelsey.....	25 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$144.70.

Berkley, by Rev. W. F. Bickford.....	3 00
*Anna B. Carter.....	1 00
Bethany and Byron, by Rev. W. H. Tubbs.....	14 00
Carlsbad, \$13; Oceanside, \$6, by Rev. H. M. Daniels.....	19 00
Cottonwood, by Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D.....	8 60
Edgemont and Eagle Rock, by Rev. E. Cash.....	7 00
Escondido, by Rev. M. A. Starr.....	7 45
Eureka, by Rev. D. D. Bowman.....	13 00
Monrovia, by Rev. D. H. Colcord.....	10 00
Perris, by Rev. C. H. Davis.....	12 25
Rockland, by Rev. I. E. Tobey.....	3 00
San Bernardino, by Rev. J. D. Foster.....	17 50
San Juan, by Rev. W. Rogers.....	16 50
Sierra Valley, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook.....	11 70
Sweet Water, by Rev. A. Hixby.....	5 00

OREGON—\$20.60.

Received by Rev. G. H. Atkinson:	
Dalles.....	\$10 00
Portland.....	63 60

\$73 60

Astoria, by Rev. G. C. Hall.....	10 00
Hillsboro, by Rev. C. Derrick.....	7 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$29.65.

Atahnum, by F. B. Woodcock.....	10 15
Coupeville, Miss E. E. Schneider's Mission Circle.....	5 00
Farmington and Endicott, by Rev. J. V. Hoyt.....	5 00
Houghton and Tolt, by Rev. D. H. Bicknell.....	2 00
Natchez and Wenas Valley, by E. W. Dixon.....	5 00
Ritzville, by Rev. E. J. Singer.....	1 00
Wood River, by Rev. F. Balch.....	11 50

TURKEY—\$50.00.

Constantinople, Rev. G. Washburn, D. D.....	30 00
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AFRICA—\$5.00.

Bailunda, Rev. W. M. Stover, by Rev. E. E. Strong, D. D.....	5 00
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Donations of Clothing, etc.

Andover, Mass., Library of Rev. Charles Smith, by Mrs. Caroline E. Smith.....	
Bridgeport, Ct., Ladies of Park St. Ch., by Sarah E. Hubbard, barrel.....	\$56 50
Bristol, R. I., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Annie W. Fitch, barrel.....	61 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., by Maria Libby, box.....	140 00
Elyria, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. E. Crandall, box and freight.....	181 73
Gildersleeve, Ct., Mrs. W. N. Harvey, two barrels, cash and freight.....	50 00
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, box.....	97 14
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., by Hattie E. Cowles, through the Woman's Cong. Home Missionary Union of Ct., barrel.....	67 34
A Friend, bundle.....	
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, barrel.....	38 73
Kent, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss'y Union of Conn., by R. J. Hopson, barrel.....	48 20
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by C. M. Bacon, box and barrel.....	126 00
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, three boxes and freight.....	425 50
Newport, R. I., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of United Ch., by Elisa R. Hammett, box.....	104 00
Master Henry G. Simmons, overcoat to son of a Missionary.....	
New York City, State Charities Aid Assoc., by Burrall Hoffman, bundle.....	
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Ch., by Gertrude H. Linnell, through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss'y Union of Conn. two barrels and cash.....	154 16
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Lydia B. Young, box.....	173 70
Olivet, Mich., Ladies' Aid Soc., three barrels.....	75 00

Parishville, N. Y., W. M. C., by Mrs. O. C. Barnes, barrel	\$23 07	Falmouth, North, by Ward Eldred	\$25 00
Providence, R. I., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. Wm. Knight, box	114 00	Farwell, Mich., refunded by Rev. T. A. P., special	2 00
St. Johnsbury, Vt., W. H. M. S. of North Ch., by Mrs. W. P. Smith, box	140 00	Foxboro, S. S. Class No. 12, by Rev. A. E. Tracy, for A. H. M. S.	6 00
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., four barrels and half barrel	341 12	Gardner, First, by Dan'l H. Rand, to const. Mrs. S. A. Whittemore, Mrs. C. M. Bryant, W. H. Wilson, and Dan'l H. Rand, L. Ms.	125 00
Stratford, Ct., Sew. Soc., by Mrs. R. W. Bunnell, box	150 00	Glyndon, Minn., Mrs. M. G. Millard, special, for Scandn. work in Woburn, Mass.	2 00
Suffield, Ct., Young Ladies' H. M. C. by H. H. Kelsey, through The Woman's Cong. Home Miss'y Union of Ct., box	37 36	Grafton, North, Mrs. Wm. D. Masecroft, Granby, by Simeon Kellogg, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Wallingford, Ct., through The Woman's Cong. Home Missionary Union of Conn., by Miss J. E. Doolittle, box	76 74	Hampden, Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Tr., Holyoke, Second, for French Prot. Ch.	100 00
Windsor Locke, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. C. H. Coye, barrel	83 65	Monson	27 57
Winter Park, Fla., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. Aux. to the W. C. H. M. U. of Fla., by Mrs. L. A. Austin, barrel and cash	46 65	Springfield, A Friend	5 00
		" First	90 00
		" Memorial	100 00
		" Olivet	37 58
		West Springfield, First, for French College	28 00

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in April, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Abington, First, by E. M. Nash	\$38 11	Hubbardston, by Alden Pollard	35 00
Alford, by Rev. Augustus Alvord	4 50	Income of Sabra Carter fund	25 00
Amherst, Chapel, by W. C. Esty, to const. Mrs. E. S. Tyler L. M. of A. H. M. S.	310 70	" Sabrana Walker Haile fund	62 50
Andover, South, by George Gould	25 00	" J. C. Whittin fund	362 50
Arlington, Orth., by Robert A. Ware	80 00	Ipswich, First, by N. R. Farley	60 00
Ashland, by Edwin Perry	30 00	Lakeville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews	2 96
Ayer, First, by Francis Lovejoy	17 00	Lawrence, United, by Rev. J. T. Whalley	10 00
Barnstable, Centerville, Ladies' Sew'g Cir., by H. R. Scudder	10 00	Leicester, First, S. S., by Arthur W. Marsh	21 32
Boston, "B. & L." for the debt	5 00	Leominster, North, Anon.	10
Bowles, Fidelia W. for A. H. M. S.	50 00	Lowell, Eliot, S. S. Class of Mrs. E. A. Bigelow	10 00
"C. A. S."	100 00	Lynn, Chestnut St., by W. A. Blood	11 00
Charlestown, First Parish, A Friend	20 00	Malden, A Friend, "M. E. B."	3 00
Dorchester, Pilgrim, by J. L. Miller, to const. Rev. J. W. Ballantine L. M. of A. H. M. Soc.	85 00	Melrose, Orth., by Rev. A. G. Bale, for A. H. M. S.	40 00
"B." special, for Rev. J. E. Smith, Hart, Mich.	5 00	Highlands, by Joel Snow	25 00
Ballantine, Rev. J. W.	1 00	Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins	32 30
Neponset, Mrs. Asa Robinson, special Roxbury, Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward	10 00	Newburyport, North, by J. B. Crensey (of wh. \$1.00 for Children's Boh. fund).	34 33
West, South Evan, by J. H. Guild	26 19	Newton, Center, First, by F. H. Scudder for A. H. M. S.	199 75
Boxford, West, by Rev. C. L. Hubbard	12 30	Eliot, by D. E. Snow	125 00
Braintree, First Parish, Ladies' H. M. S. by Mrs. Sarah H. Thayer, to const. Mrs. C. B. Minchin, Mrs. M. M. Wales and Miss E. E. Weeks L. Ms.	100 00	Y. P. S. C. E. by Miss Emily Emerson, towards Salary of Rev. R. W. Fletcher, Ortonville, Minn.	50 00
South, South, by Rev. E. O. Dyer, for A. H. M. S.	14 50	West, Second, by J. L. Clarke	162 46
Bridgewater, Central Square, by G. H. Martin	2 00	"Pax," for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Scotland, Ladies, by Mrs. W. M. Pratt	10 00	Newtonville, Mrs. H. M. Ware	1 00
Brimfield, Second, by Geo. M. Hitchcock	9 14	Otis, by Rev. S. W. Powell	15 00
Brockton, Joseph Hewitt	5 00	Peru, S. S. Penny Contributions, by S. S. Bowen	12 50
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager	76 73	Quincy, Atlantic, Memorial S. S. by Cephas Drew	4 16
"S. A. and E. H."	10 00	Evan, by Rev. Edward Norton	105 50
"S. A. and E. H." special	1 00	S. S. Primary Dept. by C. W. Carter	5 00
Burlington, by Samuel Sewall	22 00	Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson	25 00
Chelmsford, Central, by E. F. Winn	20 00	Revere, First, by Rev. J. P. Bixby	28 08
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis	2 80	Rochester, North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews	3 84
Dedham, Friends, for A. H. M. S.	5 00	Shelburne, Miss Sarah P. Kellogg, to const. self, L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00
Detroit, Michigan, Frank E. Perkins	5 40	Shirley, A Friend, "L."	2 00
Easton, James Rankin, by Rev. F. P. Chapin	25 00	Somerville, Broadway, by G. W. S. Huse	17 00
Essex, by Mary C. Osgood	46 27	East, Franklin St., by Alpheus Bowlers	151 35
Y. P. S. C. E. by Mary C. Osgood	20 93	Southbridge, Globe Village, Evan. Free, by Alva L. Hyde	29 21
		South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord	30 00
		Spencer, S. S. Class No. 28, by Mrs. J. W. Temple, for Boh. S. S. Work	16 00
		Sturbridge, by Melvin Haynes	47 75
		Sutton, by C. E. Hutchinson	24 01
		Upton, First, by Dan'l C. Buck	67 02
		Waltham, Trin., by T. W. Temple	49 46
		Westford, Union, by Daniel Atwood	36 00
		Westport, Pacific Union, by J. C. Macomber	6 00

West Stockbridge, Center, by Rev. A. Alvord.....	\$1 00
Weymouth, South, Union, by W. H. Bolster.....	223 48
Whately, by C. K. Waite, to const. E. C. Warner L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Williamstown, First, by Chas. S. Cole.....	19 42
Winchendon, North, by Rev. Davis Foster.....	43 29
Winchester, First, D. N. Skillings, annuity, by C. E. Conant, Trustee.....	100 00
Wollaston, by N. G. Nickerson.....	12 60
Worcester, Central, by E. H. Sanford.....	170 00
Piedmont, by C. F. Marble, for A. H. M. S.....	35 00
Wrentham, Miss Jemima Hawes.....	50 00
	\$4,005 51
Home Missionary.....	6 00
	\$4,611 51

Correction: On page 477 of the March *Home Missionary* the "\$44.01" credited to the "Union Church, Ludlow," should have been credited to the Union Church, Palmer. On page 33 of *The Home Missionary* for May, read as follows: Massachusetts Home Missionary Society \$6,000; by request of donors, \$2,378.99. Also, in May number, page 47, second column, last line but one, for "\$19.00" read \$19.05; page 42, after "New Salem," for "Rev. L. Jones" read Rufus M. Taft.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society, in April.

Boston, Jamaica Plain, Central, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. L. J. Wood, barrel and box.....	\$112 00
Brookline, S. A. and E. H. package, unappraised.....	
North Andover, Ladies, by Mrs. C. E. Stillings, barrel and cash.....	50 36
Pittsfield, First, Free Will Soc., by Mrs. M. B. Davis, barrel and freight.....	76 10
Salem, South, Ladies' H. Miss. Soc., by A. M. Farrington, supplies.....	535 00
Spencer, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Mrs. J. W. Temple, barrel and freight.....	25 00
Wakefield, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Mrs. T. J. Skinner, boxes.....	129 00
Ware, S. S. Class.....	60 00
Whitinsville, Ladies' Benav. Soc., by Lila S. Whitin, box and freight.....	172 42
	\$1,159 88

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in March, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Abingdon.....	\$9 35
Albion, William Marriott.....	5 00
Alton, Church of the Redeemer.....	43 21
Amboy.....	55 00
Anna, special.....	4 15
Ashkum, Woman's Miss. Society.....	3 00
Aurora, First.....	46 17
Juvenile Mission Band.....	20 00
New England.....	35 25
Avon, special.....	10 36
Batavia, Young People's Miss. Society.....	10 00
Big Rock, S. S. Class, Miss Rae Jones, Teacher.....	5 00

Bloomington.....	\$3 04
Brighton.....	20 00
Bunker Hill, W. H. M. Union.....	16 00
Bureau, (in support of services).....	8 14
Byron, A. A. Johnston.....	3 10
Canton, Ladies' Miss. Society.....	7 25
Carpentersville.....	20 40
Champaign, W. H. M. Union.....	5 00
Chicago, First.....	611 51
Plymouth.....	120 25
New England, Ladies' Miss. Society.....	20 00
Judge W. H. Bradley.....	100 00
South.....	10 17
Millard Avenue.....	14 00
South German.....	2 50
Cobden.....	8 00
Crescent, W. H. M. Union.....	3 01
".....	4 40
Crete, Rev. Samuel Porter.....	1 10
Crystal Lake.....	16 00
Danvers.....	14 00
De Kalb.....	38 00
De Pue, in support of services.....	7 67
Elgin, \$211.38; S. S., \$12.50.....	223 88
Elmwood.....	37 00
Englewood, First.....	50 00
North.....	10 00
Evanston, Frank M. Elliott.....	10 00
Galesburg, First.....	10 00
Galesburg, First Church of Christ, \$760.04; Special, \$15.....	775 04
Galva.....	25 71
Granville, special.....	6 00
Greenville.....	10 10
Gridley, Young People's Miss. Soc.....	15 10
Harvard, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	13 00
Huntley, Mrs. Ezra Trumbull, for the debt.....	1 00
Illini, W. H. M. Union.....	9 10
Jacksonville, Rev. H. E. Butler, \$5; Y. P. S. C. E. \$2.50; W. H. M. Union, \$25.....	32 50
Joliet, Rev. S. Penfield.....	5 00
Knoxville, H. Rowles.....	5 00
La Harpe, special.....	55 00
La Salle.....	3 25
Loda, Ladies' Miss. Society, \$11; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Slocum, \$5.....	16 00
Lombard, Capt. S. P. Blake, special, \$3; E. G. Blake, \$3.....	6 00
Ludlow, Mrs. Margaret Y. Gourley.....	5 00
Maywood.....	50 00
McLean, W. H. M. Union.....	15 00
Melvin.....	6 00
Mendon, Henry P. Baldwin.....	25 00
Morgan Park.....	5 00
Morton, Rev. & Mrs. J. P. Hutchinson.....	20 00
Newtown.....	6 00
New Windsor.....	5 00
Oak Park.....	237 76
Ladies' Benevolent Soc.....	21 00
Onarga, Second.....	18 00
Onelda, J. C. Burt.....	5 00
Ottawa, special \$75; \$3.....	78 00
Thomas D. Catlin.....	100 00
Park Ridge.....	35 00
Payson, \$7; Ladies' Society, \$3.....	13 00
Peoria, First, \$128.20; S. S., \$25.....	153 20
Pittsfield.....	36 96
Plainfield.....	18 25
Plymouth, Sunday-school.....	9 05
Polo, Mrs. R. M. Pearson and Daughter.....	3 00
Princeton.....	26 00
Providence.....	22 06
Roberts.....	15 50
Rockford, Second, W. H. M. Union.....	47 90
Rollo.....	13 00
Roscoe, \$6; W. H. M. Union, \$3.77.....	14 77
Sheffield.....	140 00
South Chicago, special, \$14.16; Mission \$1.....	15 16
Springfield, Second, in support of services.....	30 00
St. Charles, \$12.50; Rev. Geo. H. Smith and Wife, \$5.....	17 60
Sterling, Y. P. S. C. E., \$5; W. H. M. Union, \$11.80.....	16 80

Stillman Valley.....	\$40 00
Ladies' Miss. Society.....	25 00
Summer Hill.....	6 10
Thomasboro, "R.".....	4 56
Tonica.....	23 58
Toulon, Ladies' Miss. Society.....	4 25
Turner, \$3; Mrs. R. Currier, \$2.....	10 00
Villa Ridge.....	25 00
Woman's H. M. Union of Illinois.....	8 25
Rev. A. Ethridge, special.....	100 00
Rev. Henry Willard, Chicago.....	10 00
Rev. Flavel Bascom.....	10 00
A Friend, Rockford.....	1 00
Rev. E. A. Paddock, special.....	11 00
A Friend, special.....	59 06
Cash.....	2 00
A Friend.....	3 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Interest on the Emergency Fund.....	126 00
	\$3,901 63

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut,
in April, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Ashford, Westford, by Dea. C. W. Brett.....	\$4 70
Bridgeport, Second, by Edward W. Marsh.....	20 00
Bridgewater, by Ell Minor, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Chaplin, by Rev. Francis Williams.....	15 00
Easton, by Rev. David J. Ogden.....	11 00
East Windsor, Broad Brook, by S. B. Adams.....	17 35
Enfield, by Albert Abbe, \$24; for A. H. M. S., \$108.35.....	132 35
Essex, S. S., by P. Williams, Sec'y.....	15 00
Fairfield, Greenfield, by Oliver H. Meeker, \$5.46; \$12.57.....	18 03
Lyme, First, Free-Will Offering, by Rev. E. F. Burr.....	22 66
Madison, North Madison, by Rev. Wm. E. B. Moore.....	18 00
New Britain, South, by Wm. H. Hart, special.....	5 00
Newington, by H. M. Robbins.....	19 82
New London, First, by C. D. Boas, Jr., Quarterly.....	63 18
North Canaan, by A. B. Garfield.....	4 50
Norwich, Broadway, by S. B. Bishop.....	200 00
Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn, \$16.27; for A. H. M. S., \$16.27.....	32 54
South Windsor, First, by C. J. Rockwell.....	1 20
Sprague, Hanover, by Rev. E. W. Merritt.....	8 25
Suffield, William Ballantine, personal.....	2 00
Winchester, West Winsted, by John Hinesdale, add'l, \$100 of which is from Mr. Caleb J. Camp to constitute Caleb J. Camp and Mrs. Sarah B. Camp, both of West Winsted, Ct., L. Ms.....	294 41
Windsor, Poquonock, Thomas Duncan, personal, for work among Germans.....	100 00
Woodstock, East and North Woodstock, Union Meeting, a Thank Offering, by Rev. A. T. Reed.....	16 76
	\$1,086 75

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society
in March, J. H. MERRILL, Treas.*

Algona.....	\$28 20
Anita.....	40 00
Aurelia.....	2 87
Belmond.....	7 06
Bethel.....	12 49
Cincinnati.....	102 25
Cleveland, Welsh.....	16 00
English.....	14 52
Council Bluffs.....	127 20
Woman's Miss. Society.....	5 00
Creston " ".....	5 00
Davenport " ".....	5 10
Rev. J. A. Reed.....	50 00
Des Moines, Plymouth.....	239 64
Woman's Society.....	10 44
Pilgrim, Woman's Society.....	6 63
Dunlap.....	24 55
Woman's Miss. Society.....	10 00
Fort Dodge, S. S.....	5 50
Grant.....	3 00
Grinnell, \$37.50; A Friend, \$5.....	62 50
Lewis, Woman's Miss. Society.....	5 00
Mason City, S. S.....	8 15
Midland, Woman's Miss. Society.....	12 00
Mt. Pleasant " ".....	7 45
Muscatine.....	96 50
Newton.....	30 75
Peterson.....	14 54
Postville.....	57 00
Primgar.....	6 23
Reinbeck, Woman's Miss. Society.....	4 00
Rock Rapids.....	10 00
Rockford, Woman's Miss. Society.....	6 44
Salem, Friends.....	5 00
Shenandoah, \$23.75; S. S., \$33.85; Busy Bees, \$2.....	99 60
Sherrill's Mound.....	5 00
Stacyville, \$11; S. S., \$5.....	16 00
Strawberry Point, Busy Bees.....	1 00
Stuart, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 22
Vancleve.....	15 50
Victor.....	25 00
Waterloo.....	62 77
Waverly.....	4 26
Sioux Association, for Pastor at large.....	48 00
	\$1,352 80

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$3,350 38
Connecticut, Farmington, \$75; Wallingford, \$125.....	200 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$150.55; M. H. M. S., \$50.....	200 55
New York, Brooklyn.....	137 50
Vermont, St. Johnsbury.....	75 00
	\$4,488 38

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,530 58
Massachusetts, M. H. M. S.....	17 00
	\$2,547 58

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

- New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1806, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
 Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
 Maine, Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, Bangor, Sec.
 Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.
 Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Geo. L. Epps, Topeka, Sec.
 Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Hegal, Oberlin, Sec.
 New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. C. Creggan, Syracuse, Sec.
 Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
 North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
 Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1886, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
 California, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1887, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, San Francisco, Sec.
 South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls, Sec.
 Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
 Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
 Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
 Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
 Florida, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Feb. 1888, Mrs. N. Barrows, Winter Park, Sec.
 Oregon { Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla, Sec.
 Washington {

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
 Arizona.
 Arkansas.
 Carolinas.
 Colorado.
 Delaware.
 District of Columbia.
 Georgia.
 Idaho.
 Indiana.

Indian Territory.
 Kentucky.
 Louisiana.
 Maryland.
 Massachusetts.
 Mississippi.
 Montana.
 Nevada.
 New Jersey.

New Mexico.
 Pennsylvania.
 Rhode Island.
 Tennessee.
 Texas.
 Utah.
 Vermont.
 Virginia.
 Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of freight (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for freight, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the age of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are not.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....*Mark xvi. 15.*
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....*Rom. x. 15.*

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE American Home Missionary Society convened for its sixty-second annual meeting, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, June 5, 1888.

The President, Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., of Massachusetts, called the body to order.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. LEVI H. COBB, D.D., of New York. Rev. GEORGE LEON WALKER, D.D., of Connecticut, preached the annual sermon, from *Ia. LX: 4, 5.*

The Lord's Supper was then administered by Rev. JAMES BRAND, D.D., of Ohio, and Rev. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of New York.

After the benediction, the meeting adjourned till 8:30 A. M., Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 6.—At 8:30 the Society spent a half-hour in devotion, led by Rev. ALBERT H. CURRIER, D.D., of Ohio.

At 9 the President took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. FRANCIS J. FAIRBANKS, of Massachusetts.

Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut, was chosen Assistant Recording Secretary.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On the Roll.—Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, of Connecticut; Rev. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

On Business.—REV. EDWARD N. PACKARD, of New York; REV. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, of Iowa; WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, of Connecticut.

On Nominations.—REV. JOSHUA COIT, of Massachusetts; REV. AUGUSTUS G. UPTON, of New York; THOMAS RICH, of Connecticut.

On Report of the Executive Committee.—REV. JAMES BRAND, D.D., of Ohio; REV. CHARLES R. BLISS, of Illinois; RICHARD H. STEARNS, of Massachusetts.

On Paper of Secretary Clark.—REV. RICHARD CORDLEY, D.D., of Kansas; REV. ROBERT R. MEREDITH, D.D., of New York; WILLIAM H. STRONG, of Michigan; SIDNEY E. BRIDGMAN, of Massachusetts; HENRY D. SMITH, of Connecticut.

On Paper of Secretary Barrows.—HAMILTON W. MABIE, of New York; REV. JAMES L. HILL, of Massachusetts; REV. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON, of Massachusetts; HON. JAMES WHITE, of Massachusetts; A. LINES VAN BLARCOM, of California.

The President made an opening address. Prayer was offered by Rev. JAMES G. JOHNSON, D.D., of Connecticut. After singing, Secretary CLARK read a paper entitled, *A Crisis in Home Missions*.

After singing, Secretary BARROWS presented a paper on *Lay Activity in Missionary Work and the Minister's Responsibility for its Development*.

These papers were referred to their appropriate committees.

After singing, Auxiliary Societies were represented in addresses, as follows: The Rhode Island Home Missionary Society, by Rev. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR, Secretary; The Missionary Society of Connecticut, by Rev. WILLIAM H. MOORE, Secretary; The New York Home Missionary Society by Rev. CHARLES C. CREEGAN, D.D., of Massachusetts, former Secretary; and The Ohio Home Missionary Society, by Rev. JAMES G. FRASER, Secretary.

At 12:30 recess was taken till 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.—Met at 3, in the lecture-room of the church. Prayer was offered by Rev. DANIEL L. FURBER, D.D., of Massachusetts. The Minutes of Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning were approved. The Committee on the Roll made a report, which was accepted and approved. The Committee were authorized to complete the Roll, which, when completed, was as follows:

DELEGATES FROM STATE SOCIETIES.

<i>Connecticut.</i>	<i>Iowa.</i>	<i>New Hampshire.</i>
Rev. John Avery,	Rev. Charles H. Bissell,	Rev. George H. De Bevoise,
Rev. Dwight M. Pratt,	Rev. Charles O. Brown,	Rev. C. E. Harrington,
Edward W. Marsh.	Rev. Truman O. Douglass,	Rev. F. L. Small,
<i>Florida.</i>	Rev. F. N. Wolcott.	Lyman D. Stevens.
Rev. S. F. Gale.	<i>Massachusetts.</i>	<i>Vermont.</i>
<i>Illinois.</i>	Rev. Nehemiah Boynton,	Rev. J. H. Babbitt,
Rev. William E. Brooks,	Sidney E. Bridgman.	Rev. George W. Phillips.
Rev. H. S. Harris.		

LIFE MEMBERS.

California.

A. Lines Van Blarcom,
Rev. James H. Warren.

Colorado.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. Pickett.

Connecticut.

Rev. Joseph Anderson,
Rev. Henry P. Bake,
Strong H. Barber,
Mrs. (Rev.) W. M. Barrows,
Rev. Arthur J. Benedict,
Philo Bevin,
Mrs. Philo Bevin,
William W. Bull,
David N. Camp,
Rev. Lucius H. Higgins,
Rev. William H. Holman,
Charles Hotchkiss,
Rev. Edward L. Jaggar,
Rev. James G. Johnson,
Saxton B. Little,
Rev. Oscar G. McIntire,
George Maxwell,
Mrs. George Maxwell,
Charles M. Minor,
Rev. William H. Moore,
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Miss A. B. Nichols,
H. L. Reade,
E. G. Seeley,
Rev. Edward A. Smith,
Rev. Charles H. Williams.

Dakota.

Rev. Henry C. Simmons.

Illinois.

Rev. Charles R. Bliss,
Rev. Azariah Hyde.

Iowa.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. O. Douglass,
Miss R. L. Page.

Kansas.

Rev. Richard Cordley,
Rev. J. Homer Parker.

Maine.

Rev. Henry S. Huntington.

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Rev. William F. Avery,
Rev. John W. Ballantine,
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Miss Catharine C. Bell,
Rev. Robert C. Bell,
Rev. J. T. Blades,
Elizabeth T. Boisc,
Rebecca D. Boisc,
Miss Carrie E. Bowdoin,
Rev. George M. Boynton,
Rev. Albert Bryant,
Mrs. S. G. Bennop,
Rev. Ezra H. Byington,
Mrs. E. H. Byington,
H. L. Clark,
Rev. Eli B. Clarke,
Wilbur S. Clarke,
Rev. Joshua Coit,
Rev. W. W. Curtis,
Rev. Calvin Cutter,
Rev. Morton Dexter,
Miss M. T. Dutton,
Rev. William R. Eastman,
Rev. S. P. Fay,
Rev. J. E. Fullerton,
Rev. D. L. Furber,
L. N. Goodman,
Elnathan Graves,
Rev. M. F. Hardy,
Rev. James L. Hill,
Rev. L. Smith Hobart,
Rev. Hiram Houston,
E. A. Hubbard,
Loring Johnson,
Rev. Charles Jones,
Miner Kelley,
Mrs. Horace Kibbe,
Edward W. Kingsley,
Rev. Edward H. Knight,
Mrs. (Rev.) E. H. Knight,
Mrs. M. F. Leonard,

Rev. Payson W. Lyman,
D. Messenger,
Mrs. D. Messenger,
Sarah M. Newton,
Mrs. H. L. Parsons,
Charles B. Rice,
Annie M. Ranger,
Rev. C. S. Sargent,
Ezra Sawyer,
Mrs. Ezra Sawyer,
Rev. J. H. Seelye,
Rev. Stewart Sheldon,
Rev. William T. Sleeper,
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Rev. Rufus M. Taft,
Rev. Edward S. Tead,
Rev. George A. Tewksbury,
Rufus B. Tobey,
Rev. A. E. Tracy,
Mrs. M. E. Tufts,
Miss S. C. Tufts,
Levi Wallace,
Mrs. James W. Ward,
G. Henry Whitcomb,
Mrs. G. Henry Whitcomb,
James White,
Samuel C. Wilkins,
Abiel E. Wilson,
Warren H. Winchester,
Rev. John Wood,
Mrs. Lydia C. Wood.

Michigan.

Rev. Leroy Warren,
Mrs. (Rev.) Leroy Warren.

Minnesota.

J. Goldsbury,
Rev. John H. Morley.

Missouri.

Mrs. C. L. Goodell.

Nebraska.

Rev. John B. Doolittle.

New Hampshire.

W. S. Briggs,
Franklin Downing,
Rev. Edward H. Greeley,
Gyles Merrill,
Rev. Smith Norton.

<i>New Jersey.</i>	Rev. Clark C. Otis,	Rev. Alexander McGregor,
Mrs. H. M. Shelton,	Rev. Edward N. Packard,	J. G. Parkhurst.
John Wiley.	Rev. William S. Smart,	<i>Tennessee.</i>
	William Henry Smith,	
<i>New York.</i>	Rev. Wayland Spaulding,	Mrs. Almira S. Steele.
	Rev. Clarence F. Swift,	<i>Vermont.</i>
Mrs. M. O. Banks,	Rev. Avery S. Walker,	
Mrs. R. A. Barber,	Richard G. Woodbridge,	Rockwood Barrett,
Rev. Walter M. Barrows,	Rev. Charles C. Creegan,	Rev. Edward T. Fairbanks,
Rev. B. F. Bradford,	<i>Ohio.</i>	Franklin Fairbanks,
Rev. Alexander H. Clapp,		Mrs. Franklin Fairbanks,
Rev. Joseph B. Clark,	Rev. John G. Fraser.	Rev. William T. Herrick,
Rev. Levi H. Cobb,	<i>Rhode Island.</i>	Rev. C. H. Merrill,
Herbert M. Dixon,		Rev. M. C. Stebbins.
Mrs. Rhoda E. Johnson,	E. C. E. Davis,	<i>Japan.</i>
Rev. Samuel Johnson,	Mrs. J. R. Goodale,	
Mrs. S. A. Lombard,	Rev. James H. Lyon,	Rev. Otis Cary.

An overture from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church relating to the Sabbath was presented, and it was *voted*, that it be communicated to the Provisional Committee of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States.

The Nominating Committee reported officers for the ensuing year, who were elected, as follows:

PRESIDENT.

REV. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., of Massachusetts.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

REV. JAMES H. FAIRCHILD, D. D., of Ohio.

HON. NELSON DINGLEY, of Maine.

HON. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, of Connecticut.

REV. EDWIN B. WEBB, D.D., of Massachusetts.

REV. ANDREW L. STONE, D.D., of California.

REV. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., of Illinois.

REV. JAMES G. MERRILL, D.D., of Missouri.

AUSTIN ABBOTT, of New York.

HON. CHARLES I. WALKER, of Michigan.

REV. ZACHARY EDDY, D.D. of Michigan.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

REV. WILLIAM H. HOLMAN, of Connecticut.

AUDITOR.

GEORGE S. COE, of New York.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FOR THREE YEARS, 1888-91.

CHARLES H. PARSONS, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ALBERT WOODRUFF, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

REV. JAMES G. ROBERTS, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

JAMES MITCHELL, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

ASA A. SPEAR, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

It was *voted*, that the thanks of the Society be presented to REV. GEORGE LEON WALKER, D.D., of Connecticut, for his sermon, and that a copy be requested for publication.

A request from the Plymouth Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, that the next annual meeting be held there, was referred to the Executive Committee: and it was *voted*, that said Committee hold a popular meeting in the West at such time and place as they see fit.

A committee of the Fifth Annual Conference of the officers of National and State Home Missionary Societies presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOUTHERN WORK.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressing the sense of the meeting of officers and friends of the A. H. M. S., held in Saratoga, June 3d, in regard to work at the South, would report:

We note with pleasure the harmony existing between the officers of the American Home Missionary Society and of the American Missionary Association, and heartily commend the wisdom that has jointly planned and prosecuted the work. We note also with pleasure that home missionary work in centers at the South, such as Atlanta, has not developed the difficulties which some feared, and has proved itself to be of God. We have listened with profound interest to the accounts given of work done by the missionaries of this Society in the South, and the success with which God has blessed them. We are impressed with the evidence of an open door into this comparatively new field for the American Home Missionary Society. The arising of new centers of population and trade, and the general expansion which marks the new South seem to constitute a call upon this Society to enlarge its work in this direction.

We therefore ask the officers of this Society to consider the question of a greater enlargement and a more vigorous prosecution of their Southern work; and we urge on our churches the duty of putting at once into the treasury of the Society the funds needed to meet the demand.

It was *voted*, that the next annual meeting of this Society be held in Saratoga, Tuesday, June 4th, 1889, at a place to be named by the Executive Committee in the call for said meeting.

It was *voted*, that the committee of officers of the American Home Missionary Society, "to complete the statistics bearing on the subject of interference between denominations in home missionary work," be discharged.

At 4:30 recess was taken till 7:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.—Met at 7:30 in the church. After singing, and prayer by Rev. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D.D., of New York, addresses were made by Hon. J. M. W. HALL, of Massachusetts; Rev. ALVIN F. SHERRILL, D.D., of Nebraska; and Rev. WILLIAM G. PUDDEFOOT, of Massachusetts.

At 9:30 the body adjourned until 8:30 A.M., Thursday, June 7th.

THURSDAY MORNING June 7.—At 8:30 the Society spent a half-hour in devotion, led by Rev. CLARENCE F. SWIFT, of New York.

The hour from 9 to 10 was occupied by the American Congregational Union, President SEELYE in the chair. After singing, and prayer by Rev. OTIS CARY, of Japan, addresses were made by Rev. LEVI H. COBB, D.D., of New York, Secretary; Rev. JOHN L. MAILE, of Nebraska; and Rev. EDWARD D. CURTIS, of Indiana.

After singing, the Committee on the Report of the Executive Committee presented a report with resolutions. The report was accepted, and the resolutions adopted, as follows:

“Your Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Executive Committee of the A. H. M. S., after examining the documents submitted to them, beg to make the following report:

“In view of the 1,548 missionaries employed, the 130 new churches organized, the 59 brought to self-support, the more than 8,000 hopeful conversions, the more than 10,000 received into church fellowship, the 89 young men of these churches preparing for the ministry, and the liquidation of the great debt of the Society:

“*Resolved*, 1. That the Executive Committee have abundant reason to congratulate themselves and their constituents, and to return thanks to God for the year's work accomplished.

“*Resolved*, 2. That in the work of the year we discover new grounds of confidence in the wisdom and ability of the Executive Committee and the Secretaries who have in charge the management of this great Society; that we urge them still to trust the Christianity of the Congregational churches, as the churches trust them; and that they go forward during the coming year into new and larger work with the assurance that they will be sustained in their moderate demand for \$650,000.

“*Resolved*, 3. That the \$650,000 ought to be now, and must be made a million at no distant day.”

The Committee on the paper of Secretary CLARK presented a report, with a resolution. After addresses by Rev. RICHARD CORDLEY, D.D., of Kansas, and Rev. ROBERT R. MEREDITH, D.D., of New York, the report was accepted, and the resolution adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That we have listened with profound interest to the paper of Secretary CLARK entitled "A Crisis in Home Missions;" that we appreciate the seriousness of the crisis he describes; that we indorse the appeal he makes for an advance of \$100,000 as the least that will be at all adequate to the emergency; and we pledge ourselves, as much as in us lies, to co-operate with the management of the American Home Missionary Society in securing the money needed.

After singing, the Committee on the Paper of Secretary BARROWS presented a report with recommendations. After addresses by HAMILTON W. MABIE, of New York, and Rev. JAMES L. HILL, of Massachusetts, the report was accepted and the recommendations adopted, as follows:

I. The first recommendation is general. *Whereas*, for many years attention has been given to the introduction of religion into business, it is *Resolved*, that the time has now fully come for the introduction of business principles into our religion.

II. *Whereas*, the visitation of miscellaneous persons, soliciting funds, must not be regarded as the presentation of a cause, it is *Resolved*, that the large and intelligent presentation of the cause of this Society is the duty of every pulpit.

III. *Whereas*, our churches are now solicited by such multifarious agencies, it is *Resolved*, that we commend to our churches the duty of giving through our regularly recognized denominational channels.

IV. *Whereas*, it is superlatively desirable that means should be used to promote denominational *esprit de corps*, and to diffuse intelligence, it is *Resolved*, that we ask of our Secretaries a consideration of the feasibility of appointing a National Day when the question of Home Evangelization shall be considered.

It was *voted*, by rising, that a telegram of condolence in his recent bereavement be sent to Rev. WINFIELD S. HAWKES, Superintendent of Home Missions in Utah.

After singing, addresses on the German Work were made by Rev. MORITZ E. EVERSZ, of Wisconsin, Superintendent of the German Work, and by Rev. MARCUS W. MONTGOMERY, of Minnesota, Superintendent of the Scandinavian Work. In response to their appeal, pledges were given for over \$2,300, and Mr. EVERSZ was appointed to receive the money.

At 12:30 recess was taken till 2 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.—At 2, after singing, and prayer by Rev. ALBERT BRYANT, of Massachusetts, the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society was represented in addresses by Rev. GEORGE M. BOYNTON, of Massachusetts, Secretary; Rev. HENRY C. SIMMONS, of Dakota; and Rev. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, D.D., of Massachusetts.

After singing, addresses were made by the following representatives from the field; Rev. LEROY WARREN, of Michigan; Rev. EDWARD D. CURTIS, of Indiana; Rev. SULLIVAN F. GALE, of Florida; Rev. JOHN H. MORLEY, of Minnesota; Rev. JOHN L. MAILE, of Nebraska; Rev. HENRY

C. SIMMONS, of North Dakota; Rev. JAMES H. WARREN, D.D., of California; and the Scandinavian Work was presented by its Superintendent, Rev. MARCUS W. MONTGOMERY, of Minnesota.

At 5:30 recess was taken till 7:30.

THURSDAY EVENING—At 7:30, after singing, and prayer by Rev. CHARLES WADSWORTH, of Massachusetts, the Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening, and Thursday morning and afternoon were approved, and the Recording Secretary was authorized to complete the Minutes at the close of the evening session.

It was *voted*, That the Minutes and the report of the Executive Committee, including the papers read by Secretaries CLARK and BARROWS, be printed; and also other papers, addresses and reports, at the discretion of said Committee.

The Business Committee made a report, which was accepted, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the American Home Missionary Society are due, and are hereby paid, to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies which have given commutation fares; to hotel proprietors and boarding-house keepers, who have made special rates for attendants on these meetings; to the Trustees of the Methodist Church of Saratoga, for the use of their beautiful edifice; to the New England Church of Saratoga for various effective services rendered; to the Saratoga Press for excellent reports; to A. S. Barnes and Company, of N. Y., for selections from their hymn-book; to Miss Marion Vincent Ellis, of Brooklyn, for most effective leadership in our service of song; and to the Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., for the manner in which he has presided over the meetings.

Addresses were made by Rev. CLARK C. OTIS, of New York, Financial Superintendent; Rev. CHARLES D. BARROWS, D.D., of California; Rev. CHARLES O. BROWN, of Iowa, and Rev. ALBERT H. PLUMB, D.D., of Massachusetts.

Prayer was offered and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, D.D., of Massachusetts, and at 9.45 the meeting was dissolved.

WILLIAM H. HOLMAN,
Recording Secretary.

WILLIAM H. MOORE,
Assistant Recording Secretary.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met on Wednesday, June 18th, at the Society's Rooms, Bible House, Astor Place, N. Y., and duly elected the following Executive officers:

HONORARY SECRETARY:

REV. DAVID B. COE, D.D.

SECRETARIES FOR CORRESPONDENCE:

REV. WALTER M. BARROWS, D.D.

REV. JOSEPH B. CLARK, D.D.

TREASURER:

REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D.

SIXTY-SECOND REPORT.

WITH sad hearts, yet with unfailing trust in the wisdom and love of the Giver and Disposer of life, the Executive Committee are called to open this Report with a record of the decease of one of their most valued associates, Mr. ALFRED SMITH BARNES. He died at his home in Brooklyn, after a painful illness of five months, on the 17th of February, 1888, aged 71 years and 20 days.

Mr. Barnes was born in New Haven, Conn., and passed his boyhood there. At sixteen years of age he began his bookstore life in Hartford. He came with his employers to this city in 1835, and commenced business for himself at his majority, thus early laying the strong foundations of the publishing house which for almost half a century has been one of the best known and most respected, not in this city alone, but throughout the country. The great prosperity that followed his efforts was chiefly valued by Mr. Barnes for the opportunity it gave to take active part in the religious, charitable, and educational movements of his time, particularly in New York and Brooklyn, his business and domestic homes. An intelligent and consistent Congregationalist, there is scarcely a church (if there be one) of our sisterhood in Brooklyn and vicinity, which his hand has not borne part in planting and fostering, nor one of our benevolent institutions which he has not systematically, steadily, and liberally aided.

Mr. Barnes was elected a member of this Executive Committee in 1879; was at once appointed on its sub-committee of Finance, and most acceptably and usefully served in both capacities until his death.

The high place which his faithfulness earned for him in the Committee's esteem appears from the following Minute passed at the stated meeting of March 7, 1888, and published in *The Home Missionary* for April last:

"Our Heavenly Father having, since the last meeting of this Committee, taken unto himself the soul of our departed friend and associate, Mr. Alfred S. Barnes, we desire to place on record our appreciation of the rare qualities of mind and heart which pre-eminently fitted him for a place of so great responsibility and usefulness.

"Mr. Barnes was consecrated to the work of Christ in all its branches, and in every land. But his wide acquaintance with our country, its vast extent, resources and possibilities, its manifest call to be a chosen instru-

ment of God for the conversion of the world, roused his enthusiasm. His keen sense of its perils from many sources, and his deep conviction that its safety lay wholly in its loyal allegiance to God and his truth, made him intensely earnest in giving the pure Gospel to all our people, whether home-born or foreign-born, and whatever their color or condition. To this work, during his nine years of service on this Executive Committee and its Finance Committee, Mr. Barnes gave freely of his money, his time, his business skill, and his prayers. His faith and courage helped us in the darkest hours; his known integrity and prudence strengthened the confidence of others in the wise management of the Society's affairs; his genial spirit won our affection and makes his departure a serious loss to us, compensated only by the knowledge that it brought to him immeasurable gain.

"As a tribute to his dear and pleasant memory, we inscribe this Minute on our records, and by it would convey to his bereaved family our hearty sympathy with them in a loss, the magnitude of which our knowledge of their beloved earthly head enables us in some degree to measure, while we prayerfully commend them each and all to the Father of heavenly consolation."

The Society has also been called to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished Vice-Presidents, Ex-Governor Horace Fairbanks, of Vermont. He died in New York City, March 17, 1888, of pneumonia caused by exposure in the memorable storm of that week. Belonging to a family known in many lands for its business enterprise and integrity, and at home not less for its munificence to educational and religious institutions, and particularly to Home and Foreign Missions, he was second, perhaps, to neither of its members in the consecration of time, money, and personal influence to these great interests.

Like his father, Governor Erastus Fairbanks, he was for some years President of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and that Auxiliary is largely indebted to his sagacious counsels and liberal contributions. In 1884 he was elected to the Vice-Presidency of this Society, a position which his revered father had vacated, just twenty years before, by reason of death. On the roll of this Society's honored dead, both names will perpetuate the memory of lives conspicuous for Christian work and Christian giving.

Of the beloved workers in our fields *thirteen* have died since the last report—a most unusual number, and among these several whom our churches far and wide had come to know and esteem: Rev. Messrs. John Le Bosquet, in Massachusetts; Gurdon W. Noyes, William P. Hammond, and J. S. Burgess, in Connecticut; John McKean, in Florida; Richard M. Burgess and Danforth L. Eaton, in Michigan; Benjamin F. Haskins and Wilson D. Webb, in Kansas; Christian Mowery, in Minnesota; Emanuel José, in Dakota; Nelson F. Cobleigh and John E. Elliot, in Washington Territory.

The years of ministerial service of eleven of these departed brethren, the date of whose ordination is known, are just 300—an average of twenty-seven and a quarter years—the longest service being fifty-two years, and the shortest, ten years.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

The number of ministers of the Gospel in the service of the Society the last year, whose names are found in the General Table in the full report, together with those engaged in superintending the work, is 1,620. (Deducting 36 reported in more than one State, 1,584.) Of these, 1,223 were in commission at the date of the last report, and 361 have since been appointed.

They have been employed in 42 States and Territories, as follows: In Maine, 99; New Hampshire, 65; Vermont, 57; Massachusetts, 104; Rhode Island, 10; Connecticut, 52; New York, 74; New Jersey, 7; Pennsylvania, 25; Maryland, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Virginia, 3; West Virginia, 1; Louisiana, 1; Georgia, 4; Arkansas, 13; Florida, 28; Texas, 8; Indian Territory, 19; Tennessee, 3; Ohio, 47; Indiana, 11; Illinois, 60; Missouri, 48; Michigan, 131; Wisconsin, 72; Iowa, 80; Minnesota, 92; Kansas, 102; Nebraska, 90; Dakota, 108; Colorado, 29; Wyoming, 8; Montana, 4; New Mexico, 12; Utah, 12; Nevada, 1; Idaho, 1; Arizona, 4; California, 76; Oregon, 20; Washington Territory, 35; in all, 1,620. Of these 36, having labored in more than one State, are in this enumeration twice counted. The total number of individual missionaries employed is 1,584.

This distribution, retaining the twice counted, gives to the New England States, 387; Middle States, 110; Southern States, 40; Southwestern States, 104; on the Pacific Coast, 131; Western States and Territories, 848.

Of the whole number in commission, 810 have been pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 503 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 271 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The aggregate of ministerial labor performed is 1,173 years.

The number of congregations and missionary districts which have been fully supplied, or where the Gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 3,084.

Five missionaries have been in commission as pastors or stated supplies of congregations of colored people, and 144 have preached in foreign languages: 26 to Welsh congregations; 35 to German congregations; 45 to Scandinavian congregations; 1 to a Dane congregation; 23 to Bohemian congregations; 1 to a Spanish congregation; 2 to Chinese congregations; 2 to Indian congregations; 6 to French congregations; and 3 to Mexican congregations.

The number of Sunday-school and Bible-class scholars is not far

from 130,000. The organization of 288 new schools is reported, and the number under the special care of missionaries is 2,205.

The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 786 missionaries, amount to \$35,641.10.

One hundred and seven missionaries make mention of revivals of religion during the year, some of them reporting 400, 150, 100, 95, 75, 72, 67, 65, 59, 53 and 51 hopeful conversions. In 187 instances the number of reported converts exceeds 10, and the number reported by 629 missionaries is 8,120.

The additions to the churches, as nearly as can be ascertained, have been 10,012—viz.: 6,310 on confession of faith, and 3,702 by letters from other churches.

One hundred and thirty churches have been organized, in connection with the labors of the missionaries, within the year, and 59 have assumed the entire support of their own Gospel ordinances.

One hundred and sixteen houses of worship have been completed, 149 materially repaired or improved, and the building of many others commenced. Fifteen chapels are reported as having been built within the year, and 33 parsonages have been provided. Eighty-seven men, in connection with the missionary churches, are reported as in different stages of preparation for the Gospel ministry.

THE TREASURY.

RESOURCES.—The balance in the treasury, April 1st, 1887, was \$2,155.89. The receipts for the succeeding twelve months have been \$548,729.87; making the resources for the year \$550,885.76.

LIABILITIES.—There was due to missionaries, at the close of last year, \$4,753.03. There has since become due \$508,448.48, making the total liabilities \$513,201.51.

PAYMENTS.—Of this sum, \$511,641.56 have been paid, leaving \$41,159.95 still due to the missionaries for labor performed. In addition to these past dues, appropriations already made, and daily becoming due, amount to \$78,395.12; making the total of pledges \$79,955.07, toward canceling which there was a balance in the Treasury, March 31st, of \$9,244.20, after deducting \$30,000 paid to the Swett Exigency Fund.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

The roll of commissioned workers shows a gain of 15 over that of the previous year, with 56 more years of labor, and 21 more preaching stations stately supplied. Eight more have preached in foreign languages. Besides the regular stations a large number of congregations and preaching-places have been ministered to by the missionaries occasionally, as their time and strength allowed. In these settlements thus irregularly supplied hundreds of prayer-meetings and circles for Bible

study have been organized, that will ripen into churches. The reported number of conversions is larger by 64, though the additions to the missionary churches, on confession, were fewer by 159; by letter 140 more than last year. There has been a slight gain in the number of Sunday-schools formed, and in the number of scholars cared for in them. Four more houses of worship have been built than in the year before, and eleven more young men were studying for the ministry. The cash receipts into the treasury exceeded those of the Sixty-first year by \$65,750.27. This comparison of results, with many others not here given, shows that the friends of Home Missions have unusual occasion for thankfulness to God, for special favors vouchsafed within the year.

THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

The number of State organizations is now twenty, of which five were formed within the year. Others are known to be forming. About 1,100 local auxiliaries are more or less actively co-operating with the State bodies. This department of the Society's work is evidently growing rapidly in favor with the devoted women of our churches, whose liberal devisings for Home Missions can no longer be limited to the furnishing of clothing, books, and other "box supplies." Of these there is no lack, the wants of a missionary household having only to be made known to set at work, somewhere, a circle of warm hearts and busy hands.

But, besides these, many of our Ladies' Societies are taking up with steadily increasing zeal and efficiency the work of raising the whole or a large part of the salary of some selected missionary, perhaps once a member of their church, or related to some of its families by ties of kindred or personal friendship. What more beautiful and permanently interesting form of serving the Master in the person of one of his "brethren" can there be than this? The officers of the Society will always be ready to assign to the Ladies' Circle of a church or town, on application, a missionary of such circle's own choosing, for whom they may pledge his entire appropriation, or the half, the third, the quarter of it, according to their ability and willingness. The correspondence resulting from such a relation, often of great mutual advantage, can hardly fail to deepen the interest of an entire church or community in the work and its workers. Nor is this form of help by any means confined to women's organizations. More and more are individual women, trusted of the Lord with property, coming to prize the privilege of using it for Him. Several of them have this year sent to the Treasury, anonymously or otherwise, offerings of \$1,000 or \$500 each, for payment of missionary salaries. Will not many more imitate their bright example? The Ladies' Missionary Association (Boston) has kept up its valued aid, as in previous years, by contributing from its treasury \$1,050 for the support of four female teachers in the Indian Territory and Arkansas. Very many ladies have also continued

to help on the work by procuring subscribers to *The Home Missionary*, circulating that remarkable volume *Our Country*—now past its hundredth thousand—and other publications of the Society.

Mrs. H. M. Shelton, who for four years and a half acceptably served the Society as Secretary of the Woman's Department, and under whose supervision several of the earlier State organizations were formed, resigned that position on the 1st of October, 1887. For the present its duties are the care of Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Editor of *The Home Missionary*.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The number of new schools organized within the year now reported, is 288. Under the care of the missionaries and their helpers, there are 2,205 schools, with 129,462 scholars receiving regular instruction, most of them following the International series of lessons. So strong is the hold which this vitally important branch of their work has upon the missionaries, that many of them have, besides one school at each regular preaching station, several in the neighborhoods less frequently visited. These are kept alive and vigorous in the interval, by some lover of children and youth, in the nearest church or station best qualified for the work; so that, if possible to prevent it, no school formed by those bearing this Society's commission shall be left to die for lack of careful oversight. Taught by the experience of others, our brethren decline to plant schools where there is not fair prospect of the culture necessary to fruitful life—a fact that accounts for the relatively slow growth in numbers in this department for the last year or two. There surely is no abatement, but a great increase, rather, in the missionaries' sense of the high place that should be given to wise and faithful Sunday-school labor, among the safeguards of our country's welfare. Once more we gratefully acknowledge our obligations to the Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society for books, lesson-helps, and the like, which have materially aided our brethren. We trust the friends of Home Missionary Sunday-schools will keep the treasury of that Society well supplied.

OUR PUBLICATIONS.

The Society's well-known organ of communication with its friends, *The Home Missionary*, now in its sixty-first volume, is receiving more careful attention than ever. No pains is spared by its editor to secure from the superintendents, missionaries, and all concerned in the work, the best attainable material for every number; best, *i.e.*, for the one fixed purpose of the magazine—the giving of information as to the state, progress, needs, promise, and methods of the work; enlarging the acquaintance of the abler churches with the workers in the field; setting forth the motives for fostering, and the dangers that must attend the slighting of the work in hand; and arousing the Christian public to take up and

keep up the enterprise so largely blessed hitherto, and bear it on, with the Divine help, to the most glorious issue.

The magazine has been still further enlarged, with the opening of the sixty-first volume, and now gives forty-four pages of reading matter, monthly. It has also been improved externally, in the quality of its paper and print. The circulation for the year was 317,840 copies, an average monthly issue of 26,487. That these are eagerly read by many thousands of intelligent Christian people is shown by our correspondence and the contributions to the Treasury.

"Our Country" still maintains its hold on the reading public, as is clear from the fact that more than 100,000 copies have been already issued, and the call for the work shows little sign of abatement. Mr. Montgomery's book in the interest of our work among the Scandinavians, is still in steady demand. The number of leaflets, most of them in a form for enclosure in letter envelopes, and all sure to interest the friends of Home Missions, has now reached seventy-one, with more in preparation. A priced catalogue of these will be sent, free, to every applicant. Nobody will give much to a cause of which he knows little.

FAMILY SUPPLIES.

The supply of "Missionary boxes" this year has been ample to meet all requests for that form of help. The number of packages acknowledged—by no means all that have been sent—is 722, or 16 more than last year. The value of 662 of these packages, at the low estimate of their donors, is \$61,669.06. Reckoning those unestimated at the average rate of the others, we have a total value of \$67,259. We have no fear of a falling-off of these supplies that shall leave any missionary family without help in time of need. Notice of such deficiency is sure of prompt, cheerful, and liberal response from those who have so long stood by us with a form of help that has carried comfort to thousands of homes, and has kept bright the link of loving fellowship between the churches of the East and those of the West. The need and the profit of this helpful fellowship will never cease.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY SECTIONS.

The following Table gives the number of missionaries, each year of the Society's operations, in the geographical divisions of *Eastern, Middle, Southern and Western States*; and also in *Canada*.

Society's Year, beginning 1826.	New England States.	Middle States.	Southern and Southwestern States.	West'n States and Territories.	Canada.	Total.
1-'26-'27	1	129	5	88	1	169
2-'27-'28	5	130	9	56	..	201
3-'28-'29	72	127	23	80	2	304
4-'29-'30	107	147	13	122	3	392
5-'30-'31	144	160	12	145	2	463
6-'31-'32	163	169	10	166	1	509
7-'32-'33	239	170	9	185	3	606
8-'33-'34	287	201	13	169	6	676
9-'34-'35	289	216	18	187	9	719
10-'35-'36	319	219	11	191	15	755
11-'36-'37	331	227	11	195	22	786
12-'37-'38	288	198	8	166	24	684
13-'38-'39	284	198	9	160	14	665
14-'39-'40	290	205	6	167	12	680
15-'40-'41	292	215	5	169	9	690
16-'41-'42	305	249	5	222	10	791
17-'42-'43	288	253	7	291	9	848
18-'43-'44	268	257	10	365	7	907
19-'44-'45	285	249	6	397	6	943
20-'45-'46	274	271	9	417	..	971
21-'46-'47	275	254	10	433	..	972
22-'47-'48	295	237	18	456	..	1,006
23-'48-'49	302	239	15	463	..	1,019
24-'49-'50	301	228	15	488	..	1,032
25-'50-'51	311	224	15	515	..	1,065
26-'51-'52	305	213	14	530	..	1,065
27-'52-'53	313	215	12	547	..	1,087
28-'53-'54	292	214	11	530	..	1,047
29-'54-'55	278	207	10	537	..	1,032
30-'55-'56	276	198	8	504	..	986
31-'56-'57	271	191	6	506	..	974
32-'57-'58	291	197	3	521	..	1,012
33-'58-'59	319	201	..	534	..	1,054
34-'59-'60	327	199	..	581	..	1,107
35-'60-'61	308	181	..	573	..	1,062
36-'61-'62	295	87	..	481	..	863
37-'62-'63	281	48	..	405	..	734
38-'63-'64	289	44	..	423	..	756
39-'64-'65	293	58	..	451	..	802
40-'65-'66	283	64	4	467	..	818
41-'66-'67	284	66	5	491	..	846
42-'67-'68	307	73	7	521	..	908
43-'68-'69	327	73	8	564	..	972
44-'69-'70	311	71	6	556	..	944
45-'70-'71	296	69	5	570	..	940
46-'71-'72	308	62	3	588	..	961
47-'72-'73	312	49	3	587	..	951
48-'73-'74	310	58	7	594	..	969
49-'74-'75	292	67	7	586	..	952
50-'75-'76	304	72	8	595	..	979
51-'76-'77	303	70	6	617	..	996
52-'77-'78	316	70	6	604	..	996
53-'78-'79	312	57	10	567	..	946
54-'79-'80	327	57	9	622	..	1,015
55-'80-'81	321	62	9	640	..	1,032
56-'81-'82	328	56	17	669	..	1,070
57-'82-'83	326	68	61	695	..	1,150
58-'83-'84	334	77	63	868	..	1,342
59-'84-'85	349	93	123	882	..	1,447
60-'85-'86	368	99	134	868	..	1,469
61-'86-'87	375	103	143	950	..	1,571
62-'87-'88	387	110	144	979	..	1,620

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

Society's Year beginning 1826.	EASTERN STATES.						MIDDLE STATES.		SOUTHERN STATES.																	
	Maine.	N. Hampshire.	Vermont.	Massachusetts.	R. Island.	Connecticut.	New York.	New Jersey.	Pennsylvania.	Delaware.	Maryland.	Dis. Columbia.	Virginia.	W. Virginia.	N. Carolina.	S. Carolina.	Georgia.	Alabama.	Mississippi.	Louisiana.	Arkansas.	Florida.	Texas.	Indian Territory.	New Mexico.	Arizona Territory.
1-26-27	1	1	1	1	1	1	120	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2-27-28	1	1	1	1	1	1	120	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3-28-29	40	29	29	29	1	1	117	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4-29-30	47	29	27	32	3	1	133	1	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5-30-31	54	31	35	35	3	21	148	2	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6-31-32	62	40	32	32	1	3	157	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7-32-33	66	50	38	55	4	26	151	3	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8-33-34	83	63	42	62	3	34	177	3	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9-34-35	87	49	42	68	6	37	185	6	22	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10-35-36	90	59	53	71	6	40	183	5	20	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11-36-37	107	63	50	74	1	37	186	6	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12-37-38	71	56	52	76	1	33	161	7	29	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13-38-39	70	48	47	80	5	34	148	8	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14-39-40	71	55	51	73	2	38	165	12	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15-40-41	74	47	50	82	4	35	167	11	35	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16-41-42	73	50	54	83	3	42	187	11	49	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
17-42-43	68	47	53	78	3	39	193	10	47	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18-43-44	75	42	40	64	5	42	201	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
19-44-45	82	45	39	66	7	46	188	10	51	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
20-45-46	80	45	45	56	8	49	211	6	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21-46-47	86	44	43	60	6	36	198	7	47	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22-47-48	91	46	45	62	10	41	187	4	45	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
23-48-49	89	41	50	67	10	45	186	4	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24-49-50	92	40	58	60	6	45	173	6	47	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
25-50-51	91	46	61	61	7	45	170	11	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26-51-52	96	44	60	54	7	44	157	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
27-52-53	101	46	58	54	9	45	158	9	45	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
28-53-54	93	44	57	46	10	42	154	10	44	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
29-54-55	92	48	45	43	7	43	146	11	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
30-55-56	97	43	43	42	7	44	137	13	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
31-56-57	91	43	53	38	6	40	133	12	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
32-57-58	91	45	77	34	8	36	133	14	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
33-58-59	92	45	97	38	8	39	135	12	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
34-59-60	81	52	99	49	8	44	138	12	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
35-60-61	86	51	75	44	8	44	121	12	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
36-61-62	88	39	64	47	8	49	80	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
37-62-63	82	39	60	45	6	49	43	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
38-63-64	77	34	58	60	6	54	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
39-64-65	77	39	61	59	5	52	53	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
40-65-66	78	39	53	61	7	45	68	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
41-66-67	82	38	65	63	6	30	57	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
42-67-68	94	45	66	61	4	37	57	4	12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
43-68-69	85	48	79	70	6	36	57	5	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
44-69-70	89	42	65	74	6	34	55	7	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
45-70-71	95	38	60	64	6	33	52	7	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
46-71-72	110	35	58	61	8	36	49	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
47-72-73	102	39	57	66	7	41	39	7	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
48-73-74	110	39	51	65	6	39	47	5	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
49-74-75	82	45	45	66	6	48	53	5	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
50-75-76	90	47	49	73	6	39	51	8	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
51-76-77	77	49	48	81	6	42	51	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
52-77-78	83	49	57	76	7	44	57	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
53-78-79	86	49	55	71	7	44	47	6	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
54-79-80	82	55	61	76	8	45	45	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
55-80-81	83	59	53	75	8	44	51	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
56-81-82	95	59	53	75	7	30	43	5	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
57-82-83	89	64	52	72	10	39	46	5	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
58-83-84	94	62	53	83	8	40	53	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
59-84-85	104	66	55	88	7	40	67	8	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
60-85-86	103	64	60	97	9	46	71	4	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
61-86-87	99	65	62	97	10	50	67	7	23	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
62-87-88	99	65	57	64	10	52	74	7	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Each State is here given credit for services of minister, though he may have served in other States.
REMARKS ON THE TABLES.—1. At the organization of the A. H. M. S., in 1826, the missionaries of the United Domestic Missionary Society, whose responsibilities it assumed, were transferred to it, and the greater portion of them were in commission in the State of New York.

2. The Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, and the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society became integral parts of the National Society in the second year of its operations; the Maine Missionary Society in the third year, and the Connecticut Missionary Society, in the sixth year.

3. In 1845, the missions of this Society in Canada were, by an amicable arrangement with the British Colonial Missionary Society, transferred to the care of that Institution.

4. In the Table will be seen the progress which has been made, year by year, in the newer States of the West, as they have severally come into being, and presented fields of peculiar promise for mis-

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARIES BY STATES.

Society's year, beginning 1836.	South'n States.		WESTERN STATES AND TERRITORIES.																			
	Tennessee.	Kentucky.	Ohio.	Indiana.	Illinois.	Missouri.	Michigan.	Wisconsin.	Iowa.	Minnesota.	Kansas.	Nebraska.	Dakota.	Colorado.	Wyoming.	Montana.	Utah.	Nevada.	Idaho.	California.	Oregon.	Washington.
1-36-37	2	4	16	3	2	3	4															
2-37-38	2	4	27	9	3	5	5															
3-38-39	3	3	43	12	8	6	5															
4-39-40	7	5	64	18	12	6	10															
5-40-41	5	9	74	23	17	5	12															
6-41-42	7	13	74	24	20	12	16															
7-42-43	11	13	80	26	23	12	20															
8-43-44	10	9	68	29	24	13	16															
9-44-45	13	7	85	26	29	10	16															
10-45-46	12	9	80	24	32	12	17	1	2													
11-46-47	12	7	72	31	31	9	29	1	2	2												
12-47-48	7	7	64	29	27	14	22	2	2	1												
13-48-49	6	1	56	26	31	12	22	3	3													
14-49-50	7	7	54	25	30	9	24	6	3													
15-50-51	8	8	53	21	42	5	26	8	6													
16-51-52	8	8	66	24	50	6	36	19	12													
17-52-53	6	1	75	33	65	20	46	28	16													
18-53-54	4	3	91	36	87	21	63	30	29													
19-54-55	3	7	99	46	95	20	65	34	28													
20-55-56	6	6	103	51	98	25	67	36	24													
21-56-57	6	8	95	59	92	21	77	44	29													
22-57-48	7	9	102	52	101	21	80	49	35													
23-48-49	7	7	94	51	110	25	73	58	33													
24-49-50	7	7	97	50	114	33	74	63	37													
25-50-51	6	6	93	59	119	29	80	72	41													
26-51-52	5	5	96	63	117	29	77	84	50													
27-52-53	5	5	96	58	118	30	80	83	55													
28-53-54	3	6	110	43	105	28	76	87	56													
29-54-55	4	1	101	35	102	24	77	100	63													
30-55-56	2	1	80	36	93	21	72	87	73													
31-56-57	1	1	76	33	88	16	68	84	87													
32-57-58	1	1	76	38	82	5	65	93	96													
33-58-59	1	1	77	29	93		65	102	102													
34-59-60	2	3	79	29	100		68	108	115													
35-60-61	2	3	75	21	89	2	71	100	127													
36-61-62	2	3	54	15	83	2	59	82	103													
37-62-63	2	3	62	15	83	2	62	76	81													
38-63-64	2	3	38	5	94	2	62	73	79													
39-64-65	2	3	37	7	95	4	70	68	98													
40-65-66	2	3	33	7	78	19	67	72	104													
41-66-67	2	3	38	4	78	25	71	71	103													
42-67-68	1	1	43	5	86	31	73	64	110													
43-68-69	1	1	40	7	86	32	85	68	125													
44-69-70	1	1	34	9	72	36	77	76	124													
45-70-71	1	1	30	10	71	42	67	77	112													
46-71-72	2	2	32	10	63	40	69	77	112													
47-72-73	1	1	30	9	59	35	78	70	100													
48-73-74	2	2	37	5	53	35	80	69	100													
49-74-75	1	1	39	6	51	33	78	67	94													
50-75-76	1	1	27	10	54	28	76	72	92													
51-76-77	2	2	21	8	45	30	85	69	83													
52-77-78	1	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67													
53-78-79	1	1	23	7	43	28	75	56	86													
54-79-80	1	1	25	7	55	21	87	59	85													
55-80-81	1	1	21	8	48	30	95	54	76													
56-81-82	1	1	26	8	44	27	93	57	67													
57-82-83	1	1	33	9	45	36	112	57	62													
58-83-84	2	2	41	13	51	45	130	51	62													
59-84-85	2	2	39	13	60	51	135	64	74													
60-85-86	2	2	43	9	54	54	126	46	78													
61-86-87	3	3	38	8	60	54	123	56	79													
62-87-88	3	3	47	11	60	48	131	72	80													

stationary culture. When this Society was formed, *Indiana* and *Illinois* were in their infancy, *Michigan* was, at that time and for ten years subsequent, a Territory: in 1825 it had but one Presbyterian or Congregational minister, and he was a missionary. *Wisconsin* remained, eight years after the organization of this Society, the almost undisputed home of the Indian. *Iowa* was not organized as a Territory till 1838. *Oregon* was reached by our first missionary there in the summer of 1848, after a voyage of many months by way of the Sandwich Islands. Our first missionaries to *California* sailed from New York in December, 1843. Our first missionary to *Minnesota* commenced his labors at St. Paul, in July, 1840.

It should be borne in mind that the number of missionaries in these newer States and Territories, as well as those that have been longer cultivated, gives but an imperfect idea of the ground that has been occupied by missionary enterprise. Churches, every year, become independent, and others are taken up in their stead.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE RESULTS.

Society's Year, beginning 1836.	Receipts.	Expendi- tures.	No. of Missionaries.	Not in Commission the preceding year.	No. of Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Years of Labor.	Additions to Churches.	Sunday-schools and Bible-Classes.	Average Expense for a Year's Labor.	Average Expense for a Missionary.
1-36-37	\$18,140 76	\$13,984 17	169	68	196	110	not rep.	not rep.	137	38
2-37-38	20,035 78	17,849 22	201	89	244	133	1,000	306	134	89
3-38-39	26,997 31	26,814 06	304	169	401	186	1,678	423	144	88
4-39-40	33,929 44	42,429 50	392	166	500	274	1,959	572	155	108
5-40-41	48,124 73	47,247 60	463	164	577	394	2,523	700	160	102
6-41-42	49,422 12	52,808 39	509	158	745	361	2,136	783	146	104
7-42-43	68,637 17	66,277 96	606	209	801	417	4,284	1,148	159	100
8-43-44	78,911 44	80,015 76	676	200	899	463	2,736	1,172	173	118
9-44-45	88,863 22	83,394 28	719	204	1,050	490	3,300	52,000	170	116
10-45-46	101,565 15	92,188 94	755	249	1,000	545	3,750	65,000	169	122
11-46-47	85,701 59	99,529 72	786	232	1,025	554	3,752	80,000	180	123
12-47-48	86,522 45	85,056 26	684	123	840	438	3,576	67,000	194	124
13-48-49	82,564 63	82,655 64	665	201	794	473	3,920	58,500	175	134
14-49-50	78,345 20	78,533 89	680	194	842	486	4,750	60,000	162	115
15-50-51	85,413 34	84,864 06	690	178	892	501	4,618	54,100	169	123
16-51-52	92,463 64	94,300 14	791	248	987	594	5,514	64,800	159	119
17-52-53	99,812 84	98,215 11	848	225	1,047	637	5,223	68,400	149	116
18-53-54	101,904 99	104,276 47	907	237	1,245	665	7,693	60,800	157	115
19-54-55	121,946 28	118,960 12	943	209	1,285	736	4,929	60,000	169	136
20-55-56	125,124 70	126,198 15	971	223	1,453	760	5,311	76,700	166	130
21-56-57	116,717 94	119,170 40	972	189	1,470	713	4,400	73,000	167	123
22-57-58	140,197 10	139,233 34	1,006	205	1,447	773	5,020	77,000	180	128
23-58-59	145,925 91	143,771 67	1,019	192	1,510	808	5,550	83,500	178	141
24-59-60	157,160 78	145,456 09	1,032	205	1,575	812	6,682	75,000	179	141
25-60-61	150,940 25	123,817 90	1,065	211	1,820	853	6,578	70,000	180	144
26-61-62	160,062 25	162,231 14	1,065	204	1,948	862	6,820	66,500	189	153
27-62-63	171,734 34	174,439 24	1,087	213	2,160	878	6,079	72,500	199	160
28-63-64	191,309 07	184,025 76	1,047	167	2,140	870	6,055	65,400	212	176
29-64-65	180,136 69	177,717 34	1,032	180	2,194	815	5,684	64,800	218	171
30-65-66	193,548 37	186,611 02	986	187	1,965	775	5,692	60,000	241	189
31-66-67	178,060 68	180,550 44	974	201	1,985	780	5,550	62,500	231	185
32-67-68	175,971 37	190,735 70	1,012	242	2,034	795	6,784	65,500	240	188
33-68-69	188,139 29	187,034 41	1,054	250	2,125	810	8,791	67,300	231	178
34-69-70	185,216 17	192,737 69	1,107	260	2,175	868	6,287	72,200	222	174
35-70-71	183,761 80	183,762 70	1,062	212	2,025	835	5,600	70,000	220	173
36-71-72	163,852 51	158,366 33	863	153	1,668	612	4,207	60,300	259	153
37-72-73	164,884 29	133,842 39	734	135	1,455	562	3,108	54,000	240	184
38-73-74	195,537 89	149,225 58	756	176	1,518	603	3,902	55,200	248	198
39-74-75	189,897 50	189,965 39	802	199	1,575	635	3,820	58,600	299	237
40-75-76	221,191 85	208,811 18	818	186	1,594	643	3,924	61,200	325	255
41-76-77	212,567 63	227,963 97	846	208	1,645	655	5,959	64,000	348	269
42-77-78	217,577 25	254,668 65	908	260	1,710	702	6,214	66,300	364	282
43-78-79	244,390 96	274,932 55	972	246	1,926	734	6,470	75,300	374	283
44-79-80	283,102 87	270,927 58	944	246	1,836	693	6,404	75,750	390	287
45-80-81	246,567 26	263,617 19	940	227	1,957	716	5,833	71,500	368	280
46-81-82	294,566 86	281,182 50	961	236	2,011	762	6,358	76,500	369	293
47-82-83	267,691 42	278,890 24	951	217	2,145	714	5,725	74,000	391	293
48-83-84	290,120 34	287,662 91	969	241	2,195	726	5,421	74,700	395	297
49-84-85	308,896 82	296,789 65	952	214	2,223	701	6,361	80,750	423	311
50-85-86	310,027 02	309,871 84	979	240	2,274	734	7,836	85,370	422	317
51-86-87	293,712 62	310,604 11	996	234	2,196	727	8,065	86,300	442	312
52-87-88	284,486 44	284,540 71	996	209	2,237	739	7,578	91,762	385	286
53-88-89	373,091 53	300,330 29	946	199	2,126	710	5,232	87,573	367	275
54-89-90	266,720 41	259,709 86	1,015	256	2,308	761	5,598	96,724	341	256
55-90-91	290,953 72	284,414 22	1,032	255	2,653	783	5,922	99,898	363	276
56-91-92	340,778 47	339,795 04	1,070	262	2,508	799	6,032	104,308	435	318
57-92-93	370,981 56	354,105 80	1,150	301	2,659	817	6,527	106,638	433	308
58-93-94	385,004 10	419,449 45	1,342	401	2,330	962	7,907	116,314	436	312
59-94-95	451,767 66	460,722 83	1,447	380	2,990	1,017	8,734	118,000	453	318
60-95-96	524,544 93	498,790 16	1,469	372	3,005	1,058	9,050	120,000	471	324
61-96-97	482,979 60	507,988 79	1,571	392	3,063	1,117	10,031	129,350	454	312
62-97-98	548,729 87	511,641 86	1,584	361	3,084	1,173	10,012	129,462	436	316

1. The total receipts for the sixty-two years is \$12,135,422.07.

2. The total of years of labor is 42,149.

3. The whole number of additions to the churches is 355,985.

4. The average expenditure for a year of missionary labor includes the entire cost of the Society of obtaining the missionary, defraying his expense to his field, and sustaining him on it, as well as the average proportion of all the expenses in conducting the Institution.

AUXILIARIES AND MISSIONARY FIELDS.

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JOHN O. FISKE, D.D., President; Rev. JONATHAN E. ADAMS, Bangor, Secretary; JOHN L. CROSBY, Esq., Bangor, Treasurer. Office in Bangor.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 29th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$6,727 54
From Woman's Missionary Auxiliary.....	1,509 32
From legacies.....	9,423 47
Income from invested funds.....	3,972 45
	<hr/> \$21,632 78

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Maine, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st..... 2,984 99

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....\$24,617 77

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th..... 17,905 08

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work by request of donors, within the year ending March 31st..... 710 68

This Society has had in commission ninety-seven missionaries during the whole or a part of the year, of whom sixty-five are ordained and thirty-two are licentiates. One hundred and one churches have been supplied for the whole or a part of the year, several out-stations have been supplied, and sixty-eight years of service performed. Five have been ordained. One house of worship has been dedicated; and one finished. One parsonage erected and several meeting-houses repaired.

"The General Missionaries," says the Secretary, "have done good work. One church has been organized by the State Missionary and plans look to the forming of others in the near future. No year has been more fruitful in direct results than the past. The conversions and additions come from more churches, and are larger in numbers than is usual. Still there is great destitution in newer and smaller towns where society is left to settle down in carelessness and neglect, or is open to doubtful influences and the propagation of error. We believe this should not be permitted and might be remedied could the evangelical denominations come to an understanding and look at the broad fields in the true light. By planning wisely, so as not to interfere with each other and so as to combine forces in the oncoming struggle with the powers of darkness and economize in the use of ministers and money, all this ground might be covered and no neighborhood would need be without the Gospel in its purity. The children of this world *are* in their generation wiser than the children of light.

"We are glad to notice a growing interest in the work of the National Society. Many are opening their hearts and their purses, being ready to share the responsibility and cost in the effort to redeem our land."

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. SAMUEL C. BARTLETT, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. EDWARD H. GREELEY, D.D., Secretary; Hon. LYMAN D. STEVENS, Treasurer. Office in Concord.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 29th were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$4,480 00
From legacies.....	2,328 91
From N. H. Cent Institution.....	1,500 00
Income from invested funds.....	3,466 83
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	\$11,775 74

The National Society received from churches and individuals in New Hampshire, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st. 17,601 87

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$29,377 61
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th.....	11,703 16
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, by request of donors, within the year ending March 31st.....	1,508 86

This Society has had in commission sixty-three missionaries the whole or a part of the year. Sixty-two churches and fifteen out-stations have been supplied and fifty years of service performed. Ten houses of worship have been repaired and one chapel provided.

"The year," says Dr. Greeley, "has been on the whole a prosperous one. The additions to the churches have been larger than usual. The settled purpose to sustain and perpetuate even the feeblcr churches seems to gain strength by the encounter with obstacles and disappointment. Never has a greater readiness to make personal sacrifices to this end been manifested. A strongly increasing interest in the cause of Home Missions has been developed in the churches of the State at large. They evidently mean to be counted in, in what is increasingly felt to be the great missionary work of this age."

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. HENRY FAIRBANKS, Ph.D., President; Rev. CHARLES S. SMITH, Secretary; J. C. EMERY, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Montpelier.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 29th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$7,477 37
From legacies.....	79 56
Income from invested funds.....	398 00
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	\$7,954 93

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Vermont, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st..... 9,271 67

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$17,226 60
The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th.....	\$10,284 16
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, by request of donors, within the year ending March 31st.....	75 00

Fifty-five missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year, performing forty-nine years of service in connection with sixty-three churches and nineteen out-stations. One church has assumed self-support, and eight houses of worship have been repaired.

Says Secretary Smith, "The fruitage in the ingathering of souls has not been very abundant, but some churches have received enlargement.

"Of the entire number of our churches in the State (198) about one fourth, forty-eight, are yoked. Six others hold permanent preaching every Sunday in two different houses of worship several miles apart, making sixty double fields ministered to by thirty pastors. Of these thirty pastors only sixteen receive missionary aid, and only eighteen of the sixty fields. As the result of this yoking, about \$4,000 of missionary aid are saved. Of the thirty unyoked missionary churches the majority, from their location or other causes, cannot well be coupled. The average grant to the aided churches is \$161.73.

"As very few of our country towns are increasing in population and some are yet diminishing, our great struggle is to hold our own, to keep our churches alive for the salvation of the unevangelized about them and that they may be in readiness to welcome, with the open sanctuary and heaven's message of mercy, those who may come to them when the tide of emigration shall be stayed and set back to re-people our hills and valleys.

"Rev. G. H. Merrill was chosen, in October, Field Secretary, and for the last six months has been visiting the churches, weak and strong, and rendering efficient service.

"We have groped our way the entire year in the valley of a shadow of debt, and the way has been anything but cheerful. We hope, however, with the blessing of God and the willing offerings of his people, to see the debt disappear before the close of our year."

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. JULIUS H. SEELYE, D.D., LL.D., President; Rev. JOSHUA CORT, Secretary;
Rev. E. B. PALMER, Treasurer. Office in Boston.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 29th were.....	\$136,470 56
The National Society received from churches and individuals in Massachusetts, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st	74,141 86
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$210,612 42
The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th.....	44,500 09
Investments according to condition of bequests.....	25,806 47
Subscriptions for Home Missionary Magazine.....	107 49
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st, viz.:	
From surplus.....	71,350 00
By request of donors.....	14,921 53
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One hundred and two missionaries have been in the service of this Society during the whole or a part of the year, performing over seventy-five years of labor. Ninety-seven churches and five missions have been supplied. In eight cases there were two men in the same field, within the year. Five churches have been organized, four houses of worship erected, and twelve repaired.

"The work of the year," says Secretary Coit, "has not been in any way special or peculiar. Old churches have been sustained and encouraged, both by grants in aid and in many cases by visits from the General Missionaries, Jones and Taft. New churches have been helped in their beginnings in the hope that they in years to come will help others in their turn.

"More emphasis has been put upon endeavors in the direction of city evangelization. A large grant has been made to Berkeley Street Church, Boston, to become operative on settlement of their new pastor, who will be installed next month. The encouragement given first by this society has led to what is felt to be a very strong and hopeful movement. That church, happily located for a people's church, was told that if it would enter heartily upon evangelistic work and make itself by free pews and in every practicable way attractive to the people, this society would make a grant in aid. They accepted the proposition, and careful search found a man for pastor who was eager for just the sort of work proposed. He came with large plans and easily secured from others much more than our grant, so that now the new enterprise starts off with a strong financial support and with the earnest wishes and warm prayers of many friends in other churches, and it may be said in other denominations, for its highest and fullest success.

"The work among the foreign population has developed in unexpected lines. The French Canadians in many places have welcomed our General Missionary. Our mission at Ware has been organized into a church, so that we have five French churches, and a new mission has been begun at Spencer under very favorable auspices.

"Within a few years the strong churches have been led to a deeper interest in the welfare of their sister churches in the remote country towns in our own State, and at the same time, the greater though not more essential work in the West has grown in its hold upon them. This is plain from the fact that there has been no falling off in the gifts of the living this year, as might reasonably have been expected from the special effort made last year in view of the debt. It is plain from the thoughtfulness of many in regard to the problems which the immense immigration brings to the front—immigration from the North as well as from the remoter East. It is plain from the general approval of the new position of the National Society in paying promptly its missionaries at the front even at the risk of a debt. And yet it remains true that in spite of every effort

that is made, there are very many of our church members who pass for intelligent men and women, and who we cannot doubt are earnest Christians and lovers of their country, that are densely ignorant of the need and opportunity of the Home Missionary Society. For much of this ignorance the pastors are beyond all doubt responsible. The grand awakening that is to come to our churches when men and women shall feel and know their duty as stewards so as to begin to do it, will come no doubt by inspiration from on high. The true minister will first catch the impulse and impart to his flock.

"The winged words of Rev. Mr. Puddefoot, the inimitable, and the illustrated figures of Rev. Mr. Otis, the "star" financier, have been cordially welcomed in Massachusetts, and are bearing and will bear fruit."

RHODE ISLAND HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Hon. ROWLAND HAZARD, President; Rev. ALEXANDER MCGREGOR, Pawtucket, Secretary; EDWIN BARROWS, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Providence.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within the year ending February 29th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$3,064 02
Income from invested funds.....	150 00
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	\$3,214 02

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Rhode Island, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.... 4,547 06

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$7,761 08

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th..... 3,496 27

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, by request of donors, within the year ending March 31st..... 940 96

Eight missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with eight churches. One church has been organized and five Sunday-schools report a membership of 828.

Says Secretary McGregor: "All in all, the year under report has been one of encouragement and promise. There has been a marked deepening of interest among the stronger churches and their pastors in home mission work in general, but especially in our own local work. Practical evidence of this is found in the appointment during the year of a State Evangelist or missionary at large, who has made proof of his ministry in strengthening the weaker churches and in seeking and finding new and promising centers for aggressive Christian effort.

"It has been the study of the board of directors during the year to bring a gentle pressure upon such fields as are in danger of becoming annuitants. After having done its best, the conviction is deepened that from various causes, which may be beyond control, there are some localities which are an inheritance of weakness."

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

REV. WILLIAM H. MOORE, Secretary; WARD W. JACOBS, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Hartford.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary within year ending February 29th were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$16,168 20
From legacies.....	379 35
Income from invested funds.....	60 00
	<u>\$16,602 55</u>

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Connecticut, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st... 56,860 04

Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions..... \$72,962 59

The Auxiliary expended in its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th..... 15,988 89

The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st:

From surplus.....	\$184 28
By request of donors.....	2,122 92
	<u>\$2,307 15</u>

Fifty men were commissioned, including five licentiates, one of whom within the year was ordained; also including one Dane, one German, and two Swedes. They accomplished forty-one years of labor. Two died. Forty churches were aided, including a church formed early in 1887 in one of the two missions. The West Stratford mission was a tentative effort. The success of the Colorado Street mission will be duly reported by the pastor. The work among the Daures, Germans and Swedes is promising. The General Missionary among our churches is rendering valuable service. The aided churches on the whole are doing well. The additional expense caused by the employment of General Missionaries and the effect of the National Society's indebtedness have kept us in anxiety through the year. We closed 1887 owing \$1,150 more than we had means to pay.

The total of receipts from New England are \$360,599.27, which is more than the amount of the preceding year by \$48,414.77. Of this, \$103,877.65 were expended within its own bounds, and \$256,721.62 were forwarded to the National Institution for its general work.

NEW YORK HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, D.D., President; REV. AUGUSTUS G. UPTON, Syracuse, Secretary; REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., New York, Treasurer;

The receipts of the A. H. M. S. from New York have been \$54,893.48, including \$29,445.34 in legacies. Sixty-eight missionaries have been in commission in connection with eighty-six churches and stations. Seventy-one report a membership of 7,361. Two churches have been organized, two assumed self-support, and seven houses of worship have been repaired.

Rev. Charles C. Creegan, D.D., Secretary of the Society for the past

seven years, has been called by the American Board to be its District Secretary in New England. His removal is the cause of universal regret among the churches whose interests he has faithfully served with universal acceptance. Rev. Augustus G. Upton, late pastor of the church in Norwich, New York, and for some time a member of the Executive Committee of the Society, has been chosen his successor. From Mr. Upton's first annual report the following extracts are taken. "The year has been very quiet and uneventful in respect to the work done. The policy has been rather conservative, various causes having conspired to produce this. Almost nothing has been done in the way of starting new churches, the Clinton Avenue Church in Albany and the church in Watertown being the only new enterprises. The Clinton Avenue was organized in April, 1887, but received its first recognition and grant from this Society in the following June. Its report of about 163 members that have raised among themselves in eight months \$6,500 would seem to indicate that this latest of our new enterprises is likely to succeed like the early one. The successful work in Watertown has been presented in former reports, and it is only necessary to say that out of this ideal missionary enterprise, a church was organized last July, and formally recognized in October.

"But we have more and important and blessed fruit yet to report. The real work of the church of Christ, the conversion and sanctification of men, has been faithfully prosecuted. The membership of our aided churches is something over 2,000, or about one twentieth of our entire membership in the State. These Home Missionary churches report about three hundred conversions during the year, or about one conversion to every seven members. While these churches have gathered in 300 by conversion, they have gathered 200 by letter, and are teaching in their Sunday-schools 4,000 children. Who will say that we are giving too much aid to churches that increase in membership in one year twenty-five per cent. and teach 4,000 children the Word of God?

"A few of these churches of course are gradually dying. So is the Emperor Frederic, but every spark of vital force is cherished that he may live to give a new constitution to Prussia. So ought we to cherish tenderly the failing life of these churches, for many of the very noblest men they will yet give to the world.

"And now, in the light of past experience what about the future? A letter from one of the officers of this Society says, 'The churches will welcome an aggressive policy. Brethren, there can be no other.' The New York Home Missionary Society is not organized for any post-hole policy. It is not chiefly, only incidentally, a bureau of pulpit supply or a mere clearing-house for the benevolent between strong and weak churches. It challenges all other societies in respect to the broadness and vital importance of its work. Is some one's heart greatly stirred for the con-

version of foreign lands? Then enlist your efforts in our work for we can find those lands in every city in this State. Is it the great West you feel an interest in? New York is truly the Empire State, for not only is she the gateway between the West and Europe, not only is three fourths of her treasury flushed over those western plains, but her own sons are constantly establishing themselves in all parts of the West. They are on the outmost frontier. Writes one of them to his mother, who asked what religious privileges he enjoyed: 'Mother, the people do not know when Sunday comes.' Dakota and Montana lie in the home missionary basket of your church.

"Or is it the so-called despised races you are chiefly interested in reaching? We are not only from our weak missionary churches giving teachers to this work, but these despised races are within the bounds of our own State, and what is done for them here, this Society must do and is doing. We are helping the colored people to churches and the Chinese to schools.

"We say, brethren, there is not a cause dear to the heart of philanthropy, or having to do with the salvation of any class of people, that this Society does not in some way come in contact with. There is no section of our country, not a mountain or valley, not a forest or mining region that this Society does not reach. And therefore there is no cause that justifies such an enthusiasm of interest in all our churches as the cause of Home Missions. The rally for an aggressive campaign rings in our hearts and echoes throughout all the churches in our State."

PENNSYLVANIA.

REV. THOMAS W. JONES, Philadelphia, Superintendent.

The contributions from this district have been \$2,128.81. Twenty missionaries have been in commission during the whole or part of the year in connection with twenty-three churches and seven out-stations. The Puritan Church of Wilkesbarre reached self-support. Seventeen Sunday-schools report a membership of 508.

This district, in connection with Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, and New Jersey, has been formed into a single department and Rev. Thomas W. Jones, late of Saratoga Springs, has been appointed Superintendent, with residence at Philadelphia.

OHIO HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. HENRY M. TENNEY, President; REV. JOHN G. FRASER, Cleveland, Secretary;
REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., New York, Treasurer.

The field of this Society included within the past year such portions of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, as were within the limits of the General Conference of Ohio. The Treasurer reports that the amount raised for Home Missions, including the "Bohemian Mission work" in Cleveland, in this field, during the year ending March 31,

is \$10,274.89. (Individuals and churches, \$9,958.20; Legacies, \$316.69). The expenditures have been (including the "Bohemian Mission work") \$10,602.12. [Note.—In the Treasurer's Report of the A. H. M. S., \$635.36 of the above stated receipts, and \$534.11 of the expenditures, are not included—the report containing the same not reaching the Treasurer before the accounts of the fiscal year were closed.]

Thirty-nine missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with fifty-six churches and out-stations. Six evangelists and seven Bible-readers have been employed in Cleveland by the Bohemian Mission Board.

Secretary Fraser in his annual report says:

"Ten churches at least have been organized or re-organized upon the field; Cleveland, Bethlehem, a Bohemian church; Eagleville and Ireland, country churches; Ironton, Welsh, which abandons its alliance with another denomination, returns to the Congregational list, asks aid from the Society, and proposes to become an English church; Sherrodsville, a Welsh church, with Welsh services, in a promising field; Lima, Springfield, Toledo, (Lagrange St.), three fields of rare promise, and Kane and Sharpsburg, Pa., hopeful fields, but with the other Pennsylvania churches, passing from under the care of the Ohio Society by the appointment of Rev. Thomas W. Jones, as Superintendent of a new District, including all the Pennsylvania churches. Seven of these ten churches have, or ask for, home missionary aid, six from the Ohio Society. Eight are organized with the counsels and aid of the Society or its missionaries, one of which, Kane, Pa., with great vigor assumes self-support from the beginning and has already begun work upon a house of worship."

BOHEMIAN WORK.—The particulars of the Bohemian work in Cleveland are given in full in connection with Mr. Schaffler's report as Superintendent of the Slavonic Department and need not be here repeated.

Continuing his report, Mr. Fraser says:

"EVANGELISTS.—The special evangelistic work of the Society may now after over two years be fairly said to have passed beyond the stage of question or experiment. Mr. Quaife has held revival meetings with fifteen churches and has spent from one to four days with eleven others. There are thought to have been 288 conversions, 186 have been added to the churches, six prayer-meetings have been brought again from the dead. Other items of the work are 221 sermons, 186 other addresses, 63 children's meetings, 117 after-meetings, 72 worker's meetings. Mr. Quaife's summer was spent in Springfield, and resulted in the organization of the Loganda Ave. Church, with no English evangelical church within a mile. The work carefully and wisely begun has prospered greatly and the church has already doubled its membership.

"COUNTRY.—Without special planning, but simply in taking its natural course, the work of the Society has about equally divided itself between country and city, new work and old, feeble and failing churches

and churches with promise of rapid growth and early self-support. Making the line between city and country at villages with population of 1,000, rather more churches have been aided in country than in city, while the number of men commissioned has been more equally divided. The country churches not only have sent, but are still sending, their best material to the cities and to the West, and from them comes very largely the supply of ministers. The feeling is deepening that these churches must be sustained.

“CITY.—Work has opened to the Society in the large towns and cities, as perhaps never before in any one year. Four churches have been organized in Ohio cities, as already noted, and the church in Findlay has taken on new life and vigor, and is proving itself equal to its unique opportunity under the lead of its earnest pastor. Of the nine churches named as organized within the territory of the Society during the year, seven are in places of over fifteen thousand population, and four in cities of over ten thousand. And ‘there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.’

“WELSH CHURCHES.—There are in Ohio about forty Welsh Congregational churches. One at least has been organized with considerable strength during the year. It has been the privilege of the Secretary to visit a number of these churches and address their Conferences, and to have correspondence and personal interviews with their pastors. A few of these churches are strong and growing, but more are waning, because of the exhaustion of coal banks and the closing of iron works, but most of all, because the children, trained in the English, are leaving the church of their parents, in not a few cases, with the consent and even the advice of the parents. Now and then a church is found, as in the large cities, or in the midst of the Welsh colonies, of which there are several in the State, where there is still call for only Welsh services. Recognizing this fact, and on the request of one of the Welsh Conferences, the Executive Committee has modified its rules, which required half the services in an aided church to be in English, and now, while seeking and urging the introduction of English, yet treats each case on its own merits. The Welsh people are fervent in their piety, hearty in their praise, stalwart in their orthodoxy, and constitutional Congregationalists, but our interest in the problem appears in the startling and almost incredible fact that, at this present time, twenty-four of the purely English-speaking Congregational churches of Ohio, just about one eighth of the entire number, are ministered to by Welsh ministers. To keep up the supply of pastors for the English churches, the Welsh churches must be cared for, and encouraged and aided to provide for their own children.

“THE FUTURE.—The country churches are likely to need aid in rather increasing number; the city work was never so urgent nor so prom-

ising of speedy results as now; the Bohemian work is fast ripening, but with no less need of aid at present; the problem of the Welsh churches seems to go steadily on towards solution; with all, the wide fields beyond never called more loudly for harvesting. All these things call for larger plans, more work, increased offerings, a deepening sense of responsibility and privilege. Have we come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY.

Rev. EDWARD P. GOODWIN, D.D., President; Rev. JAMES TOMPKINS, Secretary; AARON B. MEAD, Esq., Treasurer. Office in Chicago.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending March 31st, were.....	\$17,111 16
The National Society received from churches and individuals in Illinois, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	4,676 75
Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$21,787 91
The Auxiliary expended on its own field for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending March 31st.....	16,810 86
The Auxiliary paid into the treasury of the National Society, in cash, for the national work, by request of donors, within the year ending March 31st.....	225 00

Says Secretary Tompkins in his report: " Fifty missionaries aside from State evangelists have been engaged in labor during the whole or some portion of the year. Forty-five of them were regularly commissioned, and five of them have been employed in special services without commission. These have ministered regularly to fifty-eight churches and twenty-nine destitute communities where we have no church organizations; making eighty-seven communities which have been served by our missionary pastors.

" Seven State evangelists or general missionaries have been under commission during the whole or a portion of the year. These served sixty-four months including the period of their vacation. They visited ninety-eight different places in most of them holding a series of meetings varying in length from a few days to six weeks. Twenty of the places visited were destitute of a church organization at the time of the visit. Of the seventy-eight churches in which they labored thirty-two were pastorless. Nine churches have been organized in the destitute communities in which they have labored. Six other churches have been organized in the State during the year. Three of the new churches are among our immigrant population, namely, one German, one Scandinavian and one Bohemian.

" With the close of the present year we round out the first decade of this Society as an independent auxiliary. Thankfully we record the fact that it has been the best year in its history.

" The largest amount ever raised in the State for the cause of Home Mis-

sions has been secured this year, and the largest amount which has been devoted to the national work outside the State has been sent to the treasury this year. But better than these is the fact that more earnest work has been performed and higher spiritual results achieved than in any previous year."

WISCONSIN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REV. CHARLES H. RICHARDS, D.D., President; Rev. THOMAS G. GRASSIE, Milwaukee, Secretary; R. A. McCULLOUGH, Esq., Milwaukee, Treasurer.

The Receipts of this Auxilliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 29th were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$10,400 16
From legacies.....	250 00
From invested funds.....	308 20
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	\$10,958 36

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Wisconsin, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st...	959 12
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$11,917 48
The Auxilliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th.....	11,249 95

Secretary Grassie, in his report, says, "The number of churches aided during the year, including North Wisconsin, has been eighty. The number of missionaries employed, seventy-one. The latter have performed an aggregate of fifty-three years labor in these churches, and in forty-three out-stations. This is an increase from last year of nine churches aided and seventeen missionaries employed. Seven new churches have been formed, namely: Ashland; Baldwin; Dousman; Eagle River; Lynxville; Tomahawk, and West Superior. Four of these have already built and are occupying good houses of worship, and the others have the work of building in hand.

Throughout the State, from Lake Superior to the Illinois line, there are multitudes of communities where the religious destitution demands the planting of churches, and only the lack of funds and of ministers to sustain prevents our entering them.

"A very important part of the work in our State is the resuscitation of lapsed churches. When the State assumed self-support more than sixty, over a half, of its home missionary churches were pastorless, some of them far gone: had been without preaching for years; congregations had long been disbanded; Sunday-schools were gone; records lost; meeting-houses dilapidated. It is not necessary to look for the cause of this melancholy condition further than to mention lack of home missionary funds to sustain the work. We are taking hold of these churches one by one as our treasury will permit, and bringing the dead to life.

"The Society has continued the employment of evangelistic services among our churches. The Rev. George W. Nelson has been engaged therein the most of the year, and has rendered invaluable service in revi-

vala. We are more and more satisfied that rightly used this is a most valuable agency in home missionary administration.

"Our work among the Scandinavians is growing. The policy of receiving Swedish free churches into organic union with our denomination as a condition of their receiving our aid has been carried out with the result of establishing a good understanding between those churches and our own. They respect our position and approve the reasonableness of it. In no case has a church declined our condition, but five of them have voted after full discussion to apply for admission to our Convention, and have been received. These churches are intelligent and earnestly evangelical, and seem exceedingly gratified at having come into the full fellowship of our denomination. During the year now reported we have had six Scandinavian missionaries and we are extending operations among this most admirable and interesting people. No class of foreigners is more welcome to Wisconsin.

NORTH WISCONSIN.

REV. GEORGE A. HOOD, Ashland, Superintendent.

The eight congregations and eight missionaries of last year have grown to twenty-five congregations, served by eighteen missionaries, including five students and two temporary men. Churches have been organized at West Superior, Eagle River, Ashland and Tomahawk. Two pastors have been ordained and recognized. Washburn, by mill failure for \$500,000, was so depressed as to call for aid at the last of the year. Says Superintendent Hood: "In the development of the material resources, the anticipations of last year are being realized, and the immense wealth of nature is being turned into money as fast as practicable. Towns have grown, railways have been built; the blast furnaces, charcoal kilns, elevators and docks, have begun operations as expected, and new projects are opening. New mines are opened, and the shipments of '87 were nearly double those of '86, though the freights took most of the profit. The two famous seaboard railway lines have finished "racing for the Soo;" the Minneapolis road reaches out for the riches of the West, connects with the Canadian Pacific, and unloads its cars into the ocean steamers. The Duluth road will do the same with the stock and grain of the Northern Pacific country. Three east and west lines bind North Wisconsin and North Michigan together, and suggest one large, rich, mining and lumber State, with rich soil opening to a mighty population. Six north and south railways run from Lake Superior to Chicago; five others are now coming, making fourteen main lines in all.

In towns where we have churches, one of 7,000 population, January 1887, grew to 14,000 by January, 1888. Another of 1,000 to 3,500 within the same time. Both with brick blocks, hotels, and street cars. Another of 1,200 to 3,500; one of 800 to 1,800. One town, where the first train arrived in September, grew to 700 before winter, and several new smaller

towns have begun sawing the pine, so the prophecies of the last report have been fulfilled and the prophets are still prophesying.

In spiritual work we have not been able to find the men to secure the expected results, and where we have had a minister he has been hindered by lack of a home. It is harder to secure results in this lumber and mining region than in a farming population. Everybody is here for wealth and not for health, spiritual or physical. Church prosperity must be forced. The successful minister must have a heart full of enthusiasm, good sense and business energy, a head full of good orthodox sermons, a good delivery, a face full of smiles, pleasant words for every one on his lips, acts always cordial and brotherly to all, the whole operated by the power of the Holy Ghost. For lack of such, towns have been entirely destitute of Sabbath services, and other denominations have entered and divided our work. This is one great necessity—the other is churches and parsonages; for these we this year must earnestly work and pray.

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. TRUMAN O. DOUGLASS, Grinnell, Secretary; J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Des Moines, Treasurer.

The Receipts of this Auxiliary for Home Missions, within the year ending February 29th, were:

From churches and individuals.....	\$11,584 06
From Legacies.....	800 00
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	\$11,884 06

The National Society received from churches and individuals in Iowa, for the national work, within the year ending March 31st.....	1,085 54
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Total amount raised in the State, in cash, for Home Missions.....	\$12,970 20
The Auxiliary expended on its own field, for missionary labor and expenses, within the year ending February 29th.....	12,265 99

This Society had in its employ, during the whole or a part of the year, seventy-six missionaries, the aggregate of whose time of service was fifty-one years and eleven months. Two of these missionaries were evangelists, three of them were pastors at large engaged to supply pastorless churches and do general and evangelistic work. The number of churches which had the services of these missionaries was 100. Seventy-six of them have missionary pastors, twelve of them were supplied regularly by the pastors at large, and twelve of them were self-supporting churches which were greatly blessed by the labors of our Home Missionary evangelists. Five of the churches were organized within the year, viz: Allison, Elma, Green Island, Sioux City, Mayflower, and Talmage; and a number of out-stations will soon be organized into churches. Secretary Douglass, in continuing his report, says: "It was a hard year financially. We had a dry season and poor crops; a heavy emigration of our moneyed men to California and elsewhere, and an unusual number of churches had local enterprises on hand. Nevertheless we raised and expended for the State work more than a thousand dollars above any former year. New

fountains of benevolence were discovered and opened. Our churches are slowly but surely learning to 'abound in this grace also.'

"During the year it has seemed unusually difficult to secure ministers for our home missionary fields, but still our missionary forces have been enlarged. More fields have been occupied and more work done than in any previous year since the Society was organized. It has not been a year of church planting although a few churches have been organized, and new missions started which will soon double up into churches. It has been rather a year of growth for the churches, especially for the younger churches already established.

"Iowa is a good State. We accept the title given us, 'the Massachusetts of the West.' Prohibition does prohibit. We are not cursed with large cities, nevertheless we see confronting us all the perils that threaten the nation. The boom and rush of immigration are not here but in the region beyond. The State, however, is gradually filling up, and, for the most part, with a people who have come to stay, and who welcome the institutions of the Gospel. With money and missionaries enough we might soon double our work."

MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VIRGINIA, TENNESSEE, AND GEORGIA.

Thirteen missionaries and one teacher have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year, viz.:

MARYLAND.—Rev. William C. Jones, at Frostburg, with Ocean Mines and Alleghany as out-stations, was in service nine months of the year. He reported 60 church members and 158 in the Sunday-school.

A new field was opened at Baltimore and designated as the "Pilgrim Mission." The services of the Rev. R. J. Thomas have been secured and the indications of success are most encouraging.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Tabernacle Church at Washington assumed self-support October 1, 1887. The pastor, Rev. William C. Scofield, reported 53 church members and 200 scholars in the Sunday-school.

Rev. Charles H. Small, at Mt. Pleasant, continued his labors during the year and reports 39 church members, including 10 additions, and 115 in the Sunday-school.

VIRGINIA.—Rev. Frederick W. Tuckerman, at Falls Church, with Merrifield as an out-station, reports 67 church members, including 11 additions, and two Sunday-schools with a membership of 90.

Rev. Jason K. Mason, D.D., at Herndon, reports 81 church members, including 14 additions, and 120 scholars in the Sunday-school. Rev. J. C. Wilson was engaged for four months, one of the last year, in missionary service at Natural Bridge.

TENNESSEE.—Rev. Edmund L. Hood closed his labors early in the year with the Pilgrim Congregational Church at Knoxville, and was suc-

ceeded by Rev. John H. Frazee, who reports a church membership of 42, including 20 additions, and 140 in the Sunday-school—a gain of 70 within the year.

Rev. Lewis Morgan, in service with the Welsh Church at Soddy, reports 79 church members, including 17 additions, and 170 in the Sunday-school—a gain of 40.

GEORGIA.—Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., closed his labors with the Church of the Redeemer at Atlanta, and was followed by Rev. George R. Turk, who reports a church membership of 123, including 18 additions, and 87 in the Sunday-school.

Rev. William Shaw, in service with the Berean Church at Atlanta, reports 142 church members and 250 scholars in the Sunday-school. Dr. A. C. Denham, as missionary teacher at the Berean Mission, reported 80 scholars attending the school.

FLORIDA.

Rev. SULLIVAN F. GALE, Jacksonville, Superintendent.

The contributions from this State to the Treasury have been \$539.12. Says Superintendent Gale, "The year covered by this report has been a year of hard times. The effects of Florida's reverses which set in in 1886 have been deeply felt in the summer and autumn of 1887. And in May of the latter year, yellow fever became epidemic at Key West and continued till late into the summer. During the autumn it prevailed in Tampa. Although the disease was of a mild type, quarantine was unavoidably established. The system of quarantine in vogue, while it proved efficient, had the most vicious and paralyzing effect upon society and business.

"But near the end of the year grand revival of business investments, immigration and confidence in the rapid and permanent development of the State set in. The prospects for the future, according to the best judges, is good, and enlargement of the Society's work immediately is imperative.

"The first death in the home missionary annals of Florida was that of Rev. John McKean, in August last, at Interlachen, after a brief illness. He died in the midst of successful and well appreciated ministerial labors, highly esteemed by all his brethren of the "Florida Band," greatly beloved by the people whom he served, and in the most happy assurance of the Divine favor.

"Special mention is due to the devoted ministrations and heroic Christian and pastoral fidelity of Rev. Sidney Crawford, of Tampa, during the epidemic in the city.

"Rev. Zachary Eddy, D.D., served the church at Lake Helen at his own charges several months at the end of the year, which was generous in him both toward the church and the Missionary Society and was most cordially appreciated by all.

"Rev. Russell T. Hall, being called to the church in Jacksonville, was installed by council, and Frances P. Bacheler was ordained and installed pastor of the Phillips Church."

"Evangelistic services have been held at Interlachen, Longwood, West Longwood, Port Orange and New Smyrna with happy results. The churches in these places have been much strengthened. Rev. Joseph Cadwallader has been of especial helpfulness in these services. Many conversions have attended his labors. Rev. M. L. Eastman, of Wisconsin, while visiting in this State, labored effectively in revival work at New Smyrna. Mr. F. E. Nettleton, of Lake Helen, at the meeting of the State Association made to the churches an offer to assume the necessary support, above what the field will afford, of an evangelist for six or nine months of labor. The offer was accepted and referred to the Executive Committee of the Florida Home Missionary Society. It has been a matter of great gratification to the churches to learn that the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society has appointed Rev. William Shaw, of Atlanta, Georgia, General Missionary for this State and Georgia.

"The subject of comity is still receiving some attention. The need of it is quite exceptional. Several ecclesiastical bodies have answered the proposals of the State Association negatively, and not much encouragement is found for the hope that comity may be generally observed by the denominations at work on this field.

"Rollins College, at Winter Park, truly an 'unfolding of home missionary history,' has enjoyed continued prosperity, but is hardly pressed for means necessary to enter fully upon its grand opportunity. The religious spirit of the institution is eminently satisfactory, as are its scholastic work and enrollment.

MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

REV. FRANKLIN B. DOE, St. Louis, Superintendent.

The receipts from this missionary district have been \$9,141.67, including a legacy of \$2,500. In Missouri forty-seven have borne the Society's commission during the year; in Indian Territory, nineteen; in Arkansas, thirteen—the last two include teachers. Total number in this district, seventy-nine. Fifteen ministers have come to the State of Missouri during the year, and nine have left it. Six churches have been organized, namely: Hyde, Hitt, Ritchey, Mine La Motte, Alba and Tabernacle Church in St. Louis. The first three are in the country and are small. It doth not yet appear what they may become. They yoke with other churches. It is not wise to neglect the country entirely, lest it heathenize and become tributary to the forces of evil.

We cannot say with certainty that any church has reached self-support. It is expected that at least four will do so before the close of this fiscal year, namely: Olivet in Kansas City, Church of the Redeemer in

St. Louis, Bonne Terre, and Cameron. Seven church edifices have been added to our list, six of which are missionary. A large number of sanctuaries have been enlarged or repaired or improved in some way, and several parsonages secured. Some debts have been canceled.

Contributions from all sources through the New York Treasury reach about \$5,000. This is \$1,000 in excess of any previous year. The State committee consisting of eleven members, ten of whom were present, spent one day together, considering the whole field, discussing methods and recommending grants. The estimated collections of the State for the year are \$6,500—one thousand dollars more than the past year, or an average of over one dollar per member. There are not less than twenty towns of importance in Missouri where we have no church, which we might wisely enter if we had the means. Kansas City will start another soon, Sedalia, Springfield, and St. Louis ere long. We have reached the period of easy and wise enlargement. Conditions have changed. Progress is the law and present watchword. Hence the City Missionary Societies in St. Louis and Kansas City, and the Congregational Club. These indicate a new order of things and an advance all along the line. Plans and methods of ten years ago will not do for Missouri to-day. We are in the period of enlargement and consolidation and higher style of work and not of feebleness, experiment, and uncertainty. The next ten years will show great progress in Missouri; we must adapt ourselves to the coming opportunities and needs.

ARKANSAS—has made but little gain. Eureka is still vacant, Dr. Read having accepted a call to Little Rock. Siloam Academy has been troublesome. It is an open question as to the wisdom of investing more money in that local school. The Rogers Academy has been improved at considerable outlay. The school becomes more thoroughly established each year; it is doubtless permanent, and is a power for good. There is quite an immigration into Arkansas because of climate and timber, and we have better prospects ahead. But the advance must needs be comparatively slow.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—In Indian Territory but little progress has been made outside of Worcester Academy. One church has been organized (colored) at Hopkins with fifteen members. Wilberforce Institute must be run on higher grade. We need a Principal educated in our schools to take charge of the church also, whose wife can teach music. Worcester Academy has had a year of marked success. The old fights seem to be ended, the teachers all give satisfaction. We have our one strong hold in the Territory at Vinita. The Academy has made an honorable record, done much good, and cannot easily be killed.

TEXAS AND LOUISIANA.

Rev. CYRUS I. SCOFIELD, Dallas, General Missionary.

The contributions from this district have been \$707.96. Eight mis-

sionaries have been employed during the whole or part of the year in connection with eight churches and stations. One church has been organized, and nine Sunday-schools report a membership of 685.

Mr. Scofield, in submitting his annual report, says, "The ten important fields open to our work a year ago have become more than twenty, and the reasonable prospect is that the tide of immigration now pouring into Texas and Louisiana will this year make these twenty opportunities forty. Since my last report, in which I called attention to the prospective opening of the great Panhandle—larger than Indiana and as fertile as Central Kansas—two trunk lines of railroad have been built across it, and nothing but the preoccupation of the country by large ranches restrains a great rush into a region so favored with advantage of soil, climate, and means of access. This hindrance will soon be removed by the combined action of land-owners and the State authorities, and then will come an opportunity which will neither wait nor be repeated.

"The immigration to fertile Southwest Louisiana under the double attraction of its balmy climate and cheap lands continues to be large and of excellent quality. The buildings for Lake Charles College to be wholly paid for by the locality and presented complete to a Board of Trustees composed of Texas and Louisiana Congregationalists, are under contract and will be ready for opening in September. The importance of this enterprise can not be overestimated. Lake Charles is also growing in favor as a winter resort, and my correspondence warrants the expectation that no small part of the patronage of the college will come from those seeking the advantages of an open winter climate and a first-class school for their children.

"When these isolated facts are grouped with others showing the vastness of this region it will be seen that our denominational effort and expenditure is startlingly beneath our denominational opportunity and duty. Texas is to-day the Japan of Home Missions. If it is neglected now, the unavailing regrets over lost opportunities in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois will in time be multiplied by as much as Texas is greater than they.

"The labors of evangelist Harold S. Sayles during the past season have resulted in marked quickening of the spiritual life of the churches and new substantial gains in membership. The movement of the Congregational Methodists and Free Methodists towards a closer union with us is assuming definite form, and will, perhaps, be an accomplished fact before midsummer. This, while most desirable from every point of view, will materially increase both our opportunities and expenditures."

NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

Rev. JAMES M. ASHLEY, Albuquerque, New Mexico, General Missionary.

Sixteen missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year in connection with twenty churches and out-stations.

One church has been organized, and forty-five hopeful conversions have been reported. Twelve Sunday-schools report a membership of 767.

INDIANA.

Rev. EDWARD D. CURTIS, Indianapolis, Superintendent.

The contributions from this State have been: From congregations and individuals, \$959.50; from legacies, \$1,000; in all, \$1,959.50—an advance over the previous year of \$1,606.94. Ten missionaries have been in commission, ministering to twenty churches and fifteen out-stations. Two missionaries have recently begun to supply four new fields; seven other fields have been visited and have enjoyed occasional preaching. Four churches have been organized, namely: Eames, Hammond, Portland, and Coal Bluff. One field has been reorganized, Andrews; and one independent church, Ross, has voted itself Congregational, making an increase of six in all. One church has disbanded, and another long since extinct should be dropped from our rolls; making our present number thirty-seven, some of which are extremely weak. Eight only are self-supporting. Four fields, by employing students, get along without aid. Brazil and Huntington, two county seats, and Perth, a coal-mine village, are supplied regularly, and will soon organize. Several of the fields have experienced a gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit, and the seed sown has brought a bountiful harvest. The church at Hammond was born in a religious awakening. The superintendent called upon an aged lady in a part of the city remote from churches, who greeted him with the welcome, "I am glad to see one of God's children," there was a prayer-meeting, then and there, that claimed the promise of two. Her little home was open for service; backsliders were reclaimed; strong men wept. Prayer was earnest and fervent. Peculiarly situated as the suburb of Chicago, the place has run riot in wantonness and excess. The aged saint said: "I have prayed these many long years, and I believe God is going to bless this place here." When the council convened to recognize the little band as a church she was not able to leave her home, but she sent the word: "Tell them I cannot meet with them, but that I am praying for the new church all the day." The membership has doubled in six months.

Superintendent Curtis, continuing his report, says: "The coming decade will doubtless witness a large development of Congregational growth in Indiana. The outlook is cheering. The State may have been slow but will be sure. Heretofore the churches have been most faithful to Congregational principles, and stable in the midst of opposing elements. A new era of aggressive work is now opening. 'There is the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees.' A noble enthusiasm to lay deep and strong foundations in this great central State has seized *the working elements* in our churches, and news of vigorous and success-

ful work is heard all along the advanced line. Various causes are hastening with galloping pace to force the State to the front. Her capital city, Indianapolis, has become the greatest railway center of the nation. An immediate consequence of the multiplication of lines of transportation, and the increasing home market through the growth of cities, and conveyance to the great centers of Chicago, St. Louis, and Cincinnati, is the rapid rise of the agricultural wealth of the State, and the introduction of extensive lines of tile drainage. This renders the soil, (which is naturally rich), warm, dry and arable, and effectually removes the malaria. It is thus becoming a healthy State.

"Extensive fields of bituminous and other coal, in various strata, underlie Southern Indiana. A great aggregation of population is going on in the coal-mining district. Many of the people are new comers from foreign shores. The children are numerous, and the condition of the social and family life is most pitiful. Sometimes not a building in a mining village can properly be called a house. The saloons are numerous and deadly. In Carbon eleven stand in a row without a break. Society needs a Christian culture and gets a saloon culture. I found villages of 800 souls without church or a Sunday-school, or a minister of the Gospel. Until our missionary went in, there was not a minister resident on the whole stretch of the Indiana and St. Louis railroad for twenty-five miles through mining towns.

"Ten counties of the central east section of Indiana form a part of the largest natural gas area in the world. This is a very fertile and populous region, with railways crossing in every direction. It is about equally distant from Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Columbus. A genuine boom has seized upon the main centers of gas supply, and the population is rapidly doubling and even trebling.

"The crucial decade of Congregational opportunity in Indiana has come. The unfolding years have laid bare the defects of sectarian lines of home evangelization. The ministers of the larger metropolitan cities have felt the impress of Congregational life from abroad; lowering sectarian walls, liberalizing non-essential dogmas, and making possible union and co-operative effort. The problem of religious life and multiplication can best be solved by the introduction of the Congregational common denominator.

"There are 600,000 men in the State between the ages of sixteen and forty, 500,000 of whom are outside the membership of evangelical churches. With no desire whatever to cause the present Congregational grasp in Indiana to exceed the opportunity, I give it as my deliberate judgment, that it becomes our immediate and bounden duty to stake out great appropriations for God here. The church that enters this field now can now lay foundations upon which the newer, larger life which is coming in great influx into these communities can build. God is in it, for if we are entrusted by him with principles and life, no other can do

our work ; and if we do it not, it will be left undone. Not so did the Pilgrim and Puritan founders prove recreant to their trusts."

MICHIGAN.

REV. LEROY WARREN, Lansing, Superintendent.

The receipts from Michigan, within the Society's fiscal year have been \$16,418.74, including \$784.50 in legacies. During the year there have been 130 different names on the home missionary roll, though not more than about eighty men have been in the service at any one time. They have supplied about 200 congregations. Fifteen churches have been organized, nine Home Missionaries have been ordained. Twelve houses of worship have been completed, and several have been repaired and improved. Seven churches have assumed self-support, and nearly all the dependent churches have been able to ask for a smaller amount of aid. Nineteen churches report revivals, and in many others there has been marked religious interest with additions on confession of faith.

Mr. Warren writes: "The center of population in Michigan is about twenty-three miles north of the state-house at Lansing. If we draw an east and west line across the State through the center of the population we shall have a little more than a million people on each side of the line. Of the 288 Congregational churches reported in our last State Minutes, 65, or fifty-seven per cent., are south of the center of population, and 23, or forty-three per cent., are north of the center of population. But the churches in the northern counties are newer and small. Of the 21,238 Congregational members reported in our last Minutes, 14,770 or seventy per cent., live south of the center of population, and only 6,468, or thirty per cent., north of the center of population. Our last State census gives the seating capacity of the churches of all denominations in every county of the State. A study of the tables shows that a little more than three fourths of all the churches in the State are provided for the million people who live south of the center of population, and less than one fourth for the million people who live north of the center of population. This fact furnishes plainest proof of the need of home missionary work in the northern counties of the State.

"Our newest and neediest home missionary field in Michigan is the Upper Peninsula. No other part is developing so rapidly. Two lines of railway have been completed from east to west giving that part of the State direct communication with the Atlantic seaboard and also with the Pacific coast. Many shorter lines have also been recently completed. Along these new railways new towns are springing up in every part of the Peninsula and the older towns are growing as never before. The output of iron and copper and lumber is greatly increased. For example, the Lake Superior mines last year produced 4,667,652 tons of iron ore.—an increase of more than a million tons over the product of 1886. The building of the new railways, the great increase in mining and lumber-

ing, and the rapid settlement of the farming lands involve an unprecedented immigration. In the new villages that are springing up the people are without the Gospel. The demand for new work in Northern Michigan has never before been so great as it is to-day. Our State Association has voted to ask the help of the Home Missionary Society for only four years more. There is greatest danger that in our effort now to attain State self-support we shall fail to plant the churches which are needed in this newest part of the State. The Congregational churches of Michigan have before them an opportunity of unequalled promise involving the gravest responsibility."

MINNESOTA.

REV. JOHN H. MORLEY, Minneapolis, Superintendent.

During the year ninety-one missionaries have been employed, who have supplied 113 churches and ninety out-stations. This includes fourteen Scandinavians, two Bohemians and one German. The aided churches have contributed to benevolent objects \$2,330.97. For Home Missions during the year the churches raised \$9,160.94.

Superintendent Morley writes, "Rev. Christian Mowery, our faithful missionary at New Ulm, died October 1, 1887. His influence in that German community was greatly blessed and others will reap where he sowed.

"In many respects we can report a favorable year's work. We felt the diminished appropriation and the pressure of debt, but fifteen new church edifices have been erected. Four parsonages have been secured. Three churches have been brought to self-support and ten new churches have been organized. Twenty-six cases of revival interest are reported. Mr. Henry Plant has been of great service holding meetings in different parts of the State. Mr. James Earle has been commissioned as an evangelist, and has done good service in the churches of the Northern Pacific Conference. Missionary conventions, in some of which Rev. W. G. Puddefoot assisted, have been held in several of the larger churches. We are straining all our energies to raise \$15,000 for Home Missions against \$10,000 raised during our last Association's year. General Missionary Herrick is proving himself to be the right man in the right place. He has labored especially in the western part of the State, where his influence in starting Sunday-schools and churches has been marked.

New work has been neglected or postponed on account of financial stringency. The calls are now pressing and are of two kinds.

"First: In the cities and larger towns, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, and their suburbs there is need of new churches. No work pays better than city work. To plant a church, help it liberally for a year or two and then make it self-supporting, with a good house all paid for, is what has been done and can be repeated. An outlay for two years also will give us a church that will become one of our heavily contributing churches. The church in St. Paul, which three years ago needed \$700 aid from the

Society, came to self-support eighteen months ago ; last year it took up a collection of \$200 for Home Missions ; this year it pays a salary of \$1,800. One in Minneapolis came to self-support, with its house built and paid for, in one year. Is it wise to neglect places where these things or things half as good can be accomplished ?

“Secondly: We have a large country work which has been neglected. A little country town with an agricultural community around it with no regular preaching of the Gospel is not uncommon. Several appeals have come to us from such communities which have been neglected. With the incoming of population, with a few years of good harvest we could have churches in many of these districts moving slowly towards self-support. Related as the city and the country are, the neglect of country work is disastrous to the city. If the country be not evangelized, then God save the city. In the Red River Valley there are many neglected communities which ought to be improved. That valley, with undeveloped resources which are yet to support an immense population, should be cared for to-day. In the northern part of the State new railroads are projected. In the Northeast, mines are being developed and an incoming population waits to feel the touch of the Gospel. For all this new work we are ready if we have the money to meet it.”

KANSAS.

Rev. L. P. BROAD, Topeka, Superintendent.

The receipts of the Society from Kansas have been \$3,937.93, including a legacy of \$200.

The Superintendent writes, “I labor under the disadvantage of having been in office but two months, and of following one of the best informed and most successful of superintendents, brother Blanchard. His three years’ service in the State has been of inestimable value. He unified, spiritualized, and systematized our work, proclaimed unerringly the true principles of the whole missionary service, inspired his co-laborers with something of his own enthusiasm and devotion, and brought in good men to fill the vacancies.

“The churches are still united and hopeful. One hundred and one missionaries have been employed during the year for a longer or shorter period. They labor in thirty-seven fields and supply 144 churches besides 51 out-stations. One hundred and forty Sunday-schools are connected with these churches and their out-stations, fifteen of which were gathered this year. Ten new churches have been organized, and notwithstanding the failure of crops in many parts of the State, seven churches have assumed self-support. A general spirit of revival has prevailed. About two thirds of our missionary churches have held extra series of meetings, and in others there has been a quiet ingathering.

“Looking at the entire State with our work in view, the signs were never more cheering for aggressive work. We have an area of 81,700

square miles. Massachusetts has 8,040 square miles, yet with about ten times the area we have about the same population as Massachusetts. We are trying to get ready spiritually for the sixteen millions of people in Kansas which would give us only as dense a population as Massachusetts, and which are coming to us at the rate of 150,000 per year. All parts of the State are now open for occupancy. Give the western third of the State the same time for development that the eastern third has had, and there seems to be no natural hindrance to prevent its being equally prosperous. A thrifty class of people is entering there, particularly in the North-west, and intend to hold their own ground. More miles of railway were constructed in Kansas during 1887 than in any other State of the Union, the record being 2,070 miles. Our people are energetic and young. The small proportion of old people is often remarked by strangers. There is no preponderating foreign element. Our temperance laws help to purify our social and civil life and attract a good class of immigrants. On the whole, as some of us think, there never was a time so favorable as the present for planting Congregational churches in Kansas, because the county seats are mostly located and the main centers of the State are known and established. The difficulty has been in former years, to know what towns were permanent and where it would pay to spend our money and efforts. But now the difficulty is practically removed. It seems providential from this point of view that we did not enter some centers earlier.

“ Kansas we may say has had three periods in its history—the frontier, the constructive, and the growing period. Dividing the years into fourteens for convenience, we have from 1856 to 1870 as the frontier period; 1870 to 1884 as the constructive period; and 1884 to 1898 as the growing period. In frontier times the Society had to work somewhat in the dark, for nothing was settled. When the war was past and people constructed towns, homes, laws, schools, churches, etc., our points of work could be selected better, and every church with life in it could be expected to advance toward self-support. But now in the growing times, when the State itself is constructed, its main cities located, and the places known where Congregationalism belongs, there would seem to be no excuse for making mistakes in planting our churches or for holding on to dead mistakes of former periods. We will try to think carefully and critically about each appropriation, as heretofore, and with reference to the most satisfactory outcome in the State. We count it the wisest policy to put considerable money at first into a new enterprise in a large center, on the principle of the first Napoleon in successful war, ‘To converge a superior force on the critical point at the critical time.’ ”

NEBRASKA.

Rev JOHN L. MAILE, Omaha, Superintendent.

The churches of Nebraska have contributed to the Society during the

year \$4,516.41. Eighty-nine ministers, including four employed in general work, have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year.

The number of pastors in self-supporting churches is forty-three, and of these seventeen have during the year severed their immediate connection with the Society. Of the self-supporting churches five are pastorless and two are supplied by Home Missionaries. Eight students served new fields during the summer. One hundred and sixteen home missionary churches and forty out-stations have been regularly supplied with preaching during the whole or a part of the year. Eight ministers were ordained. Additions to the churches were approximately as follows: by confession, 750; by letter, 806; total, 1,556. Fourteen churches have been organized with an aggregate membership of 212. Twenty-one houses of worship, costing \$98,400, have been dedicated. The total Sunday-school membership of the State is 11,575, with an average attendance of 7,839. Twenty-two churches have come to self-support.

"The population of Nebraska," says Superintendent Maile, "is estimated at 865,000; of Bohemians including Poles, 35,000; of Scandinavians, 100,000; of Germans, 10,000. For the Bohemians we have one mission and a minister who is acquiring the language. Among the Germans we have nineteen churches, but no work organized for the Scandinavians, although here and there individuals attend our services. In Omaha is a very large Swedish Free Mission congregation, which has informal but very friendly relations with us.

"During the year 1887 there were constructed in Nebraska about 2,000 miles of railroad, and located thereon are scores of towns and villages to the great proportion of which the Gospel has not yet been given. The territory of one of our associations is traversed by 645 miles of railroad, one half of which invites exploration and wise occupancy.

"Summary.—1. An usually large number of churches coming to self-support.

"2. An increase of contributions to the Society.

"3. Great enlargement of our work in the chief city of the State and other important centers.

"4. Providential circumstances indicating closer relations with our English-speaking population.

"5. Encouraging results in evangelistic work and need of increased labor in that department.

"6. Practically an unlimited scope for extension of our work and numerous openings of first importance.

"7. The perils and the sufferings resulting from retrenchment amply demonstrated.

"8. The need of great advance in contributions from all friends of the Society.

"9. The Gospel preached in its purity and power and a copious out-

pouring of the Holy Spirit resulting in quickened spiritual life is our crowning need."

NORTH NEBRASKA, BLACK HILLS (DAKOTA TER.), AND NORTHEAST WYOMING.

REV. HARMON BROSS, Chadron, General Missionary.

NORTH NEBRASKA.—Eleven missionaries have been in commission during the whole or a part of the year, in connection with sixteen churches and out-stations. They report a church membership of nearly 300. Thirteen Sunday-schools report a membership of over 640.

THE BLACK HILLS AND EAST WYOMING.

BLACK HILLS.—Seven missionaries have been in service during the whole or a part of the year, laboring with seven churches and out-stations, who report 134 church members and 512 scholars in the Sunday-schools.

NORTH-EAST WYOMING.—Rev. Thomas Kent labored part of the year at Lusk. He was succeeded by Rev. David T. Jenkins, who reports a church membership of 11 and 36 scholars in the Sunday-school. A house of worship has also been built.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

REV. HIRAM D. WIARD, Mitchell, Dakota.

The Treasury received from this field \$1,534.55.

Sixty-seven missionaries have served the Society during the year, laboring in connection with 104 churches and forty-five out-stations. Eleven churches have been organized. One church has come to self-support. Seven houses of worship and four parsonages have been built. Superintendent Wiard writes, "The review of the year shows some progress, but not what we had hoped for and pictured a year ago. We have had no boom in South Dakota. Only 84,000 people came in last year, and these arriving with the order 'no more new work' did not help us as in past years. We pushed our work as far as it could be pushed among the people who were in need of assistance for temporal support. I am convinced that the people of this new country will do as much for the Gospel as any people I ever saw. But getting support where there is no money is as difficult to accomplish as the discovery of perpetual motion. Our gains in new churches were made by asking our missionaries to spread out. This most of the missionaries have been quite ready to do. Our General Missionary, Mr. Tomlin, has been of great service in our work. Churches where he labored have in every case been greatly strengthened spiritually and the calls for assistance come to us so rapidly that we could now use four evangelists with profit.

"The additions to our churches this year have been a greater propor-

tion of them on confession of faith than last year. This tells of the kind of work being done. I cannot speak too highly of most of our missionaries. They are a kind of men to be glad of.

"The Sioux reservation is to open to settlers. Already the C. M. & St. P. R. R. has let the contract for building 180 miles of road west from Chamberlain. The C. & N. W. R. R. will build west from Pierre. This means from thirty to forty towns to be started which we must look out for. There are now at least 100 communities in which we could profitably work."

NORTH DAKOTA AND EAST MONTANA.

Rev. H. C. SIMMONS, Fargo, North Dakota, Superintendent.

The receipts from this missionary district have been \$806.72, including \$166.67 in legacies.

North Dakota has had thirty-three missionaries supplying forty-nine churches and sixteen out-stations. Seven new churches have been organized. Two, Grand Forks and Valley City, have voted to assume self-support, and Wahpeton is expected to undertake its own support when it secures a new pastor. Three houses of worship have been erected and the church at Dickinson has decided to build.

Harlem, under the labors of G. B. Barnes, has had a precious revival season, while Mayville has received a blessing with some considerable additions to the church. Other places have had more or less special religious interest, although the stormy weather the past winter has prevented work that had been planned. A series of fellowship meetings has been held among part of the churches, Mr. Henry Plant, of Minneapolis, helping to their great quickening.

Superintendent Simmons writes, "The situation of North Dakota, crossed, as it is from east to west, by two great transcontinental systems of railway, places it upon one of three great thoroughfares of the country. The snow-fall is usually so light that there is very little interruption to travel. The famous Red River Valley, in the eastern part of the Territory, the bottom of the ancient Lake Agassiz, has a deposit of 150 feet, according to Prof. Wright, furnishing the richest soil in America, and is regarded by outside investors as the safest place to invest money of all the newer regions of the west. North Dakota has the best of furnishing for a grand State. But the best of all is the fine grade of boys and girls raised in her healthy climate. One of the principal things to report for the year is the incorporation and opening of Fargo College under the fostering care of the North Dakota General Association of Congregational Churches. Applications from students are coming for another year, while the class prepared to enter as freshmen will go forward into real college work.

"Eastern Montana has made no gains in churches, for the reason that the Society has been unable to plant them. Grand opportunities lie open

in that great Territory, rich in mineral resources as well as in the cattle and farming interest. Great Falls, on the Upper Missouri River, by its favorable location, its immense water-power, the large capital being invested in smelters, in accessibility to the valuable products of the mines, its rich ores of iron, its coal and limestone is destined to become a great manufacturing city.

"The openings for new work both in North Dakota and Montana are almost without number. Give us men and money to evangelize this great region by the Gospel of our blessed Lord, and in a few years we will show a work that will help to make America, east and west, a safe place to live in. Neglect these opportunities, allow these great regions to fill up with a people destitute of churches and Christian schools, and the East as well as the West must suffer."

COLORADO AND EAST WYOMING.

REV. C. M. SANDERS, Denver, Col., Superintendent.

"The contributions to the A. H. M. S. from this district were \$1,343.95—a gain of \$542 32 over last year. Twenty-eight men have labored under the commission of this Society, serving thirty-one churches and out-stations. Fourteen new pastors have been welcomed. Two church edifices have been dedicated. One parsonage has been secured, others projected. The ninth church in Denver has been organized, and 345 have been added to the churches, more than one half of them on confession of faith. To the Sunday-schools of the aided churches 300 members have been added. Fellowship meetings have been held with many of the churches with results that encourage the pressing of this branch of work more the coming year. The long distances which separate many of our churches make such fellowship meetings peculiarly desirable in this region.

— "And now," writes Superintendent Sanders, "a word as to the future. President Lincoln, twenty-five years ago, asked ex-Governor Evans, of Colorado, 'What do you find in the Rocky Mountains?' To this the Governor replied, 'It is a country abounding in all the natural resources that are to be found in all the other States of the Union.' Now this man who has the eyes of a prophet, a heart for the truth as it is in Christ's Gospel, two hands for all that goes to build up a great nation, who is still young at seventy-four, and who has just brought to its completion a gigantic railway scheme, which opens a short line from Denver to the great sea, is even now prophesying marvelous things for the Queen City of the Rockies. This city is to be exalted and to become a metropolis of the whole Rocky Mountain region, and ultimately to rank as the third city of the Union. Already the thoughts of multitudes are turning this way and hosts of the choicest young men and women from eastern homes are flocking hither, pitching their tents and fixing their destinies among us. The next five years will add nearly half a mill-

ion souls to our population. I bring to the attention of the Congregationalists of America, not alone the twenty or more open fields where new work might be commenced at once, but I put before them the great Centennial State, with the adjacent Territory of Wyoming (a section covering over 200,000 square miles) and I call in the name of the Lord of Hosts for help to take these for the King of Glory. Let our occupancy of regions so vast, so rich, be worthy of the ancestry from which we are descended. Build no Doubting Castle beside Plymouth Rock."

UTAH, IDAHO, WEST MONTANA.

Rev. WINFIELD S. HAWKES, Salt Lake City, Superintendent.

The contributions to the Treasury from this district have been \$235.02. Fourteen missionaries have been employed during the whole or a part of the year in connection with thirty churches and out-stations. Twenty Sunday-schools report a membership of 1,680.

The Superintendent writes: "Rev. A. J. Bailey, with Mrs. Bailey, has sustained services in all his stations. At Slaterville the people wished a school and regular religious services, and to secure them built a house of sufficient size and offered it for the proposed use. In January your Superintendent preached the dedication sermon, and a New West school and regular Sunday-services have since been sustained.

"In January the Superintendent began serving Park City church on alternate Sundays, and on February 12th sent to them as preacher Rev. C. L. Corwin, recently from Colorado, who proved so acceptable that they have engaged his services and he is now acting as pastor, much to their gratification. The Phillips Church, Salt Lake City, have secured Rev. John E. Hurlbut, for many years pastor at Mittineague, Mass.—a man of rare qualifications for the place.

"I propose to secure the best man possible to put in charge of the mission work of the nineteenth and twentieth wards of Salt Lake City for Sunday service and pastoral duty and to preach in Bountiful, Centerville, and Farmington on week nights. Many believe that Mormonism in Salt Lake City is tottering to its fall. We must throw into the place all the force possible in the next two years."

NORTH CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA.

Rev. JAMES H. WARREN, D.D., San Francisco, Superintendent.

The contributions to the A. H. M. S. from this district have been \$5,032.85. Forty-nine missionaries have been under commission during the whole or a part of the year performing over twenty-nine years of service in connection with fifty-five churches and forty-five out-stations. Fifty-six Sunday-schools report a membership of 3,373. Eight churches have been organized and three have reached self-support. Five houses of worship have been built.

Superintendent Warren writes: "The year has been notable in its many-sided and important developments. First: What seemed for a time to be temporary excitement in the enormous rush of immigration, mere birds of passage coming for the winter only, is turning out to be a permanent thing. Nearly four fifths have come, and are coming to stay. This is no guess work. Railroad officials who speak from the records of this and other States say that the immigration to California is unprecedented in the history of any State or Territory of our country. The lowest estimate puts our census now at 1,300,000.

"Second: During this last year the great work of home evangelization sized up to such magnitude that this field had to be divided into two missionary districts, and a Superintendent commissioned to take charge of the new district. This important step was not taken a day too soon. It has not lessened the work of the superintendents, since they find themselves burdened and taxed with all they can possibly do in looking after the wants of their separate imperial parishes. Owing to this same pressure, a new General Association was organized in Southern California, the request for such an organization coming from the General Association of the State. The new body numbers already nearly forty churches and is said to be fully manned. This leaves over 100 churches as the present constituency of the Northern Association, showing that the new body has not been constituted at the expense of the old one. The third notable event has been the unprecedented increase of new churches in the State at large, especially in the southern country. Fourth: Evidently a new era has come to us in the matter of contributions. Without a dollar from legacies our churches have nearly or quite doubled the large amount given in any previous year. In 1884 we were credited with \$4,893. This year we are in sight of \$9,000. This increase is from the pressure felt by our churches, that California must have the Gospel in larger measure than before, to meet the tremendous wants springing up every day."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Rev. JAMES T. FORD, Los Angeles, Superintendent.

The contributions from this district have been \$2,629.51. Twenty-five missionaries have been under commission during the whole or part of the year, in connection with twenty-six churches and twelve out-stations. Eleven churches have been organized. The Superintendent writes, "I feel sad that I cannot tell you of prevailing revivals of religion in our home missionary churches. But the year has been one of ingathering and saving to the church of members who came to us from abroad, rather than of ingathering from the world; of the building of material houses of worship rather than the spiritual temple. Nevertheless several of our churches have received a goodly number on confession of faith, ninety-two in all. Eight houses of worship have been erected or made ready for use, and three

land, of wheat fields and pastures for flocks and herds, of lumber, of coal and iron, of lime and cement, of clays and building-stone, of silver and gold, copper and lead, are far greater per square mile than New England ever possessed.

"The race problem will in large part be solved here with Asia. Our people have been the quickest to foresee and make a place through divinely-ordained missions for Indian citizenship. Providence is leading and enlightening Asiatic peoples to understand and claim citizenship for themselves and to enforce their claim at home and abroad.

"Was there too much done for early New England? Are there too many ministers, and churches, and Christian schools, and missionary agencies established and sustained there now? Is one to every village and settlement too many to keep alive the conscience and knowledge of the Truth? If these same methods be used to save our nation as in the past, and if the messengers of Christ must be trained for his service as of old, is not the solution of the problem imperative at this moment? Forty years have done something for Christ's kingdom here. Shall we devise liberal things for the next forty years and for the millions who will surely occupy these regions?"

WEST WASHINGTON.

Rev. SAMUEL GREENE, Acting Superintendent, Seattle.

The contributions from this section of the Territory, to the A. H. M. S., were \$272.81. Fourteen missionaries labored during the whole or part of the year in connection with fifteen churches and eighteen out-stations. These aided churches report a membership of 324, and nineteen Sunday-schools have over 690 scholars.

Mr. Greene writes, "Of the twenty-seven Congregational churches of West Washington, one, Plymouth, of Seattle, is self-supporting. One, the church on Whidby Island, is temporarily so by allowing the pastor to receive a large share of his support from the Academy which he serves as principal. Two are connected with the Indian work of the A. M. A. Fifteen are supplied with pastors by the Society, leaving eight without any regular pastoral work or preaching of the Gospel. Two of these eight, until your treasury will admit of an increased force of workers, ought to be supplied at stated intervals by neighboring pastors. Two or three counties where Sunday-schools have gone, but where, as yet, the Society has not entered, ought to be furnished with workers in the coming summer. The men are offering, but we are obliged to say we have no means for their support.

"As yet there are ten counties in this part of our Territory without a Congregational church, and more without a minister of our body. People are now flocking to this region as never before. Cities are filling up and extending their limits and populations with great rapidity, and in

the country the woods are full of people until about every available quarter-section of land is occupied."

Rev. C. C. Otis has been recalled from the superintendency of this field to the position of Financial Secretary of the Society, with his office in New York. Rev. Reuben A. Beard, of Fargo, Dakota, has been appointed as his successor and is considering the call. It is hoped that with his large experience as a pastor in Dakota and his intimate acquaintance with the home missionary work he will assume the superintendency of West Washington.

WORK AMONG IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS.

SLAVONIC DEPARTMENT.

Rev. HENRY A. SCHAUFFLER, Cleveland, Ohio, Superintendent.

The year has been one of marked and encouraging results in this department. Mr. Schauffler writes, "A year ago Cleveland Triple Station was in great straits. Mr. Price had left, February 8, and no one had been found to take his place. Work pressed more than ever while time and strength failed. But the Lord remembered us, and on the first of July, Rev. J. R. Nichols, for some years the Congregational pastor at Garrettsville, Ohio, came to Cleveland and devoted himself to the Bohemian work. His mere presence here was a great relief, to say nothing of the help he was able to give from the very start, in English preaching, holding meetings, and in general care of the work during the absence of the senior missionary. Before he had been here many months Mr. Nichols was the means of organizing a Y. P. S. C. E. at Bethlehem, which has had marked success and has been a source of profit to the young people in every way. For a large class of younger boys, Mr. Nichols started the Bethlehem Boy's Band. In July, Messrs. Müssil and Bobitzky, two Bohemian missionary students from St. Chrischona, arrived to spend the summer in Cleveland, learning English in preparation for study at Oberlin. They also aided greatly in the Bohemian part of the work till the term began, and since then they have been among the most active and useful of the Oberlin Slavic students of the Cleveland work. In October Mr. Phillip Reitingger arrived also from St. Chrischona. He has been especially engaged in the work at East Cleveland and has charge of the Bethlehem choir, which has grown in numbers and efficiency under his excellent leadership.

"The statistics of the year show an increase of numbers attending all the services, with three exceptions, which are the Bethlehem English evening service, the Bethlehem Young People's meeting, and the Cyril Sunday-school. The reason for the falling off in the first two cases may be found in the interregnum caused by Mr. Price's absence. The Cyril Sunday-school has suffered from the removal of the new chapel and the organization of a Methodist Sunday-school in the old one. The average

weekly attendance at Bethlehem of all services for the previous year was 663, and for the year under review 702. The average weekly attendance of all services at Cyril was 239 last year, and for the year under review 256. The average attendance at the East Cleveland Bohemian services during the previous year was forty-five, for the year under review sixty-five. The average weekly attendance for all services in the three stations during the year previous was 947; during the year under review 1,024, not including one hundred Bohemian children in the East Madison Avenue Congregational Sunday-school, which brings the average up to 1,124."

CYRIL CHAPEL.—The most important events of the year, aside from the accession of new laborers, were the dedication of the new Cyril Chapel on the west side, and the formation of Bethlehem Church. Through the munificence of E. W. Metcalf, Esq., who gave \$1,000 for the object, it became possible to erect Cyril Chapel, a pretty building and sufficiently commodious for the work. The dedication was a very interesting event. In the morning Bohemian services were held in which two of the graduates of the Oberlin Slavic department participated. In the afternoon a goodly number of Congregational churches joined with the Bohemians in services held in both languages. Great interest was added by the presence by Rev. C. H. Ruppard, the head of the St. Chrischona Missionary Institution, who was on a visit to the pupils of that institution in this country. We were asked to invite several Bohemian mutual aid societies to join in the dedication services. The board did so, but especially requested that they should not come with bands of music on the Sabbath. They did not come at all, and the congregations, though averaging considerably more than the previous, have not been large. What the Cyril Chapel region needs of all things is a minister of its own.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH.—In previous reports the reasons have been given which have hitherto prevented the formation of a church at the Bethlehem station. In the early part of 1888, at a conference of the Cleveland Congregational pastors, the subject was thoroughly discussed and the Bohemian Mission Board immediately began taking steps for the organization. It was resolved that the Board should call the council, and because it would be impossible for any council to take the time needful for the thorough examination (in many cases through the medium of two languages) of the candidates for admission, a committee was appointed, consisting of three clergymen and three laymen who met the candidates for admission during an afternoon and evening nearly a week previous to the meeting of the council. It was an occasion of great interest, the examination bringing out very clearly a number of interesting facts, among which we may notice, first, that the experience of converted Catholics was fully as clear and satisfactory as that of those educated in the Old Country as Protestants; and secondly, that, generally speaking, the experience of those who had been brought up in a Sunday-school was

much clearer and more intelligent than that of those who had never enjoyed Sunday-school instruction.

Dr. George R. Leavitt, of Cleveland, thus writes of this examination: "Seventy-one persons were examined with a view to admission. Ten of them were American, the most of whom presented letters. Forty-nine others were accepted. Twelve were placed upon the deferred list. Not more than two or three who offered themselves were manifestly destitute of religious life. Several of those received were Catholics. None gave clearer evidence than these of a change of heart. Two had been avowed infidels. Between thirty and forty were converts under the ministry of Mr. Schauffler and his associates. I do not know but that this was the best class of converts I ever saw. The conviction of sin, the conviction of grace, the manifest sincerity and tenderness and humility and definiteness of purpose found in all of them, made the examination so remarkable that one of the committee said, "This is the most memorable day of my Christian life." Half of the candidates could not speak English and were examined through an interpreter. The test questions asked were these: Are your sins forgiven? How were they forgiven? How do you keep the Lord's day? What are your views of the use of intoxicating liquors? Why do you wish to unite with the church?"

Returning to Mr. Schauffler's report: "The services on Easter Sunday morning, when the newly formed Bethlehem Church met to commemorate at once the dying love and the resurrection glory of the Lord, were most tender and impressive. A large congregation was present. Especially interesting was the ordination of two deacons, one English-speaking and the other Bohemian. The one a genuine son of New England, from the Green Mountains, the other born in the land of Huss, in childhood taught to pray to the Virgin Mary, in manhood disgusted with the Roman priesthood and driven into unbelief, but now a humble and joyful follower of the Lord Jesus. It was a scene never to be forgotten, a bright promise of many such scenes in the future. The end of the year is much better than the beginning, and leaves us full of joy for what has been accomplished, and hopefulness for the future."

Summary of the Slavic Mission Field.—In CLEVELAND genuine progress in all departments, increased attendance on all services, increased number and efficiency of missionary force, a larger and more useful Bible Readers' School, widening and quickening of work among the young, genuine though moderate growth, spiritually, in Cyril field, increased interest at East Cleveland, formation of Bethlehem Church with fifty-six members and brighter prospects than ever for the future.

POLISH WORK, CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO.—Suffered from the defection and unchristian conduct of some of the workers, yet full of promise if faithfully worked.

IN DETROIT.—Much faithful work done and seed sown, but great hindrances from the bitter dissensions and fightings among the Poles

themselves and their persecution of any who leaned towards Protestantism.

IN CHICAGO.—Mr. Adams has had great difficulty to contend with, in consequence of inadequate help and the rivalry of the Methodist and recently established Baptist Bohemian Mission. But the work has made solid progress, as is abundantly shown by the formation of a church with thirty-two members. There is better prospect of a suitable church building being erected than hitherto. The Bohemian Christian newspaper, "Pravada," is proving a great power for good, and gives a unity and a wide-spread influence to the Bohemian mission work of the Congregational churches throughout the country.

MINNESOTA.—Is a deeply interesting and very promising field. Mr. Prucha has done admirable work and is the right man for the place. The new Bohemian chapel, dedicated October 16, in St. Paul, gave great impetus to the work. Miss Bocek, efficient and successful as a Bible-reader. The Protestant colonies, Silver Lake and Hopkins, eager to have Mr. Prucha preach to them, and promise much good. Bohemian preaching in the Congregational Church, Glencoe, well attended. Outlook on the whole field very bright.

IN IOWA.—Mr. John Rundus, stationed at Iowa City, has sown much seed in spite of great obstacles. It is one of the hardest fields in the country, but the signs are good. A lot has been bought and preparation is made for building a chapel. Other Bohemian colonies, some Protestant, reveal an earnest desire to hear the Word.

IN NEBRASKA.—Rev. M. J. P. Thing, at Omaha, has made progress in the study of Bohemian, and St. Mary's Avenue Church has successfully carried on the Bohemian Mission Sunday-school and is holding on till work can also be done in Bohemian. Bohemian Protestant colonies in Nebraska, of which three have church buildings and one is about to build, are eagerly waiting for preachers.

IN ST. LOUIS.—Plymouth Church is interested in the 12,000 or 14,000 Bohemians of that city, but we have no Bohemian laborers yet to place there.

OBERLIN SLAVIC DEPARTMENT.—Is in much better condition than ever, Prof. Leadingham devoting all his time to it and Mr. Mishkovsky having so much improved in health that he can do good work in his department. There are eight men beside Mr. Bastel in the Theological Seminary. There is prospect of more students to enter next fall. The Bible-readers' school in Cleveland has also been very prosperous, having seven pupils. It can not be carried on without a "Home," and we wait anxiously to see the result of the plea to the young people of the Congregational churches throughout the country to build a Home.

SCANDINAVIAN DEPARTMENT.

Rev. M. W. MONTGOMERY, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Superintendent.

Mr. Montgomery, in making his annual report, says, "There were, on

January 1st, 1888, not less than two million persons in the United States who were properly classed under the general name of Scandinavian. Nearly one half the present population of Minnesota is Scandinavian. This element has doubled within five years. Minnesota may well be thankful for the desirable qualities of this race who shall so soon out-number all other peoples in the State.

"There are now in the United States about 212 Swedish mission churches, 149 houses of worship, and 305 preaching stations. This is three times as many as my first estimate, yet is still under rather than over the exact facts. Of the thirty-five Swedish mission churches in New England, New York and Pennsylvania, five have joined the Congregational Associations, one has united with the Swedish Mission Union, while all the rest remain independent. Of the total 212 Swedish mission churches in the United States a few have joined Congregational Associations, sixty belong to the Swedish Mission Union, while about 130 are yet entirely independent. Some of the churches have taken a collection for the American Board, to aid the sufferers by famine in East Turkey, which amounted to \$2,749.96.

"There have been thirty Scandinavian students in Carleton College during the past year, and thirty-nine Scandinavian theological students in the Chicago Seminary.

"Among the Norwegians the work moves forward slowly but hopefully. The overshadowing need in this direction is a newspaper in the Dano-Norwegian language, to make known among these people that Congregational churches are founded upon the simple and peaceful principles of the New Testament.

"A startling fact for these times is that Northern Europe is sending new races to us, or rather, the rivulets which have been coming to us of the old races now suddenly swell to mighty streams. For fifty-nine years prior to 1880, Russia sent us only 58,000 of her people, but now sends 22,000 during only ten months of last year. Finland, too, is now sending a wave of her lively and desirable immigrants which reached 7,000 during six months of 1887. And Iceland will soon empty all the people of her island upon us at the present rate.

"At the request of the Secretaries of the Society, I visited Utah last autumn to learn how many Scandinavians had gone into Mormonism and to inquire what had been done for their religious needs. The Scandinavian Mormon population of Utah is now estimated at 40,000; of these 6,000 are Swedes, 6,000 are Norwegian, and 28,000 are Danes. The official statistics of the Mormon Church report that their converts in these lands during thirty-one years reached the enormous total of 132,766 persons, and that of these 21,000 emigrated to Utah. They began their beguilement of these people, in 1850, with four Mormon missionaries from Utah and increased their missionary force until, in 1881, one Mormon missionaries from Utah were at work in Denmark, Sweden,

and Norway. Many polygamists are now hiding in Scandinavian countries from the officers of the United States courts. The first great need is for a Scandinavian missionary for Utah whom the Lord shall anoint with Pauline powers, graces, and martyr spirit, who shall open the work and call to his aid the necessary additional helpers. For such a missionary we now pray and seek.

"The next step taken was to do what the Lord burdened me to do against the mighty wickedness of Mormonism by seeking to awaken the public conscience to protest against the admission of Utah into the Union as a State. This I did by writing an article for the *Congregationalist*, by making twenty addresses on Mormonism in various parts of the country, and by addressing the United States Senate Committee on Territories. To stem the tide of Scandinavian Mormon converts from the Old World, I wrote an article entitled 'Mormonism unmasked, a warning to the Scandinavians,' containing some 9,000 words specially prepared for the situation among these people, in which it was sought to lay bare the frauds and frightful enormities of this great evil. This article was translated into Swedish by Prof. Fridolf Risberg, and into Dano-Norwegian by Prof. P. C. Trandberg, both of Chicago Theological Seminary. Proof-sheets were sent to all the Scandinavian newspapers in the United States, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland, being nearly 1,000 newspapers. In many of them it has already appeared. By this method it may fairly be said that we have reached about all the Scandinavian people with this exposure of Mormonism, which can scarcely fail to counteract, to a some degree at least, the work of the Mormon missionaries among these people."

As to the needs of the current year Mr. Montgomery adds, "We need more than can be told in words the funds which will enable us to employ at least ten additional missionaries beside those so much needed in Utah, who will supply at least thirty destitute places and give an occasional service to nearly 100 out-stations. During the past year the painful part of my work has been the necessary refusal, over and over repeated, to send missionaries to most needy and most promising fields, for want of means. While the Scandinavian population has been increasing with amazing rapidity during the past year, I have been obliged in the name of the Society to cut down our work instead of keeping it abreast of the increasing demands. Henceforward we can get the missionaries, especially in the Swedish work. Shall we have the funds, by means of which they may be sent?"

GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

Rev. MORITZ E. EVERSZ, Milwaukee, Wis., Superintendent.

Mr. Eversz reports: "Our work has suffered a serious loss in the withdrawal of so enthusiastic and able a leader as Superintendent Albrecht. When we remember, in addition, that our work was for eight

months without a superintendent; that two of our most valued workers died during that interval, while we never had anything like an adequate supply of real Congregational ministers—only two or three in fact, who might be called genuine children of our churches—it is not a matter of surprise that this report is not filled with such glowing details of victories won as we all love to recount, and as inspire the soldier with new courage and zeal. And yet, even this year has in it much to inspire gratitude and courage.

“Two churches, Springfield, Mo., and Stockham, Neb., have built and dedicated neat and suitable houses of worship, without debt, by the aid of the Congregational Union. Dubuque, Ia., has completed the outside of a fine brick church, with steeple, the best building among our German churches. By the indomitable self-denial and perseverance of its pastor, all bills are paid up to this time, and, with a little timely aid, will be complete and ready for dedication by fall. Culbertson, Neb., is also building and will dedicate in June.

“Half Day, Ill., has organized a promising church, and is under the pastoral care of one of our German graduates of Chicago. Sedgwick Street, Chicago, has made long strides forward under the able ministrations of Dr. Zimmerman; while Bridgeport, also in Chicago, so long without a settled pastor, is looking up with new hope and zeal toward a brighter future. Pastor Sattler, the first fruits of Crete and Chicago Seminary, is settled there with fine prospects of a good work.

“Right here, it seems to me, is the weak point in our work. Born and bred in other churches, the men who have worked in our fields could not have that strong sense of loyalty and devotion to our work which are so important to success. Good men and honest most of them doubtless were, but they were not native and to ‘the manuer born.’ Unfamiliar with American conditions and the resources of our system in times of difficulty and trial, they were apt to fail in working our system, and easily stampeded to other folds, where the power of authority promised a more speedy settlement of their difficulties.

“Now we are just reaching the point where young men converted in our churches and trained in our own institutions are beginning to take the field. True, their education is in many cases defective, owing to the shortness of the time allowed them, and the annual changes in our corps of instructors at Crete. But, now that the uncertainty of its finances is to be a thing of the past, we look forward with new hope. The appointment of Rev. Mr. Ramser, made possible by the promised aid of the A. H. M. S., will command the confidence of the German churches, and thus secure a better attendance and larger gifts. On the former basis, Crete could not succeed.

“The General Convention at Omaha, held early this month, was a fine success. It served not only to unite our workers in a closer bond of sympathy and inspire them with zeal, but it won to a large extent the sympathy and confidence of the American ministers present.

"Looking to the Lord of the harvest to aid us in raising up more reapers, we go forward, confident that the A. H. M. S. will not let the work suffer for the want of the needed funds."

CONCLUSION.

Such is the story of the Sixty-second year. It is a record full of bright spots and most cheering auguries for the future. Yet over all is the shadow of one dark and forbidding cloud. Twice within a few months the Executive Committee has felt compelled to issue to its agents in the field, the decree "No more new work." It was a military necessity, without warrant, either in the marching orders of the Great Commander or in the Charter of the Society. An *American Home Missionary Society* in these critical times of our nation's history should not only stand with face toward the future, but its step should be right on.

In one of the Papers accompanying this report may be found a detailed estimate from our Superintendents of the amounts that are immediately and imperatively needed for new work. Their aggregate is more than \$100,000. In another Paper will be found an appeal to Christian Laymen and Ministers for an advance and united effort toward the solution of the home missionary problem. In the spirit of both these papers, the Executive Committee has voted to add to its regular assignment of funds the sum of \$50,000 as a provisional apportionment for new work. This is but one half the amount needed. They call it "provisional" because it is a pledge made with a proviso—the proviso being that the churches shall raise the money. This means an addition during the present year of \$50,000 to the receipts of the Society. Will the churches respond? Other missionary boards are meeting the exigency of these times by increased efforts and appropriations. But they can not do our work. Congregationalism has its own call and mission. *Surely it is not for that polity on which the civil institutions of the thirteen States were originally fashioned, to draw back from its full share in shaping the new civilization of the West.* Within two years our own churches, by the effort of comparatively few, added \$70,000 in one month to their home missionary gifts. What might they not accomplish by a general and united effort, an effort inspired by the needs and perils of the times, and consecrated by a passion for country, for souls, and for God!

In behalf of the Executive Committee:

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Woman's Department.

THE SARATOGA MEETING.

As a crown of rejoicing for the growth of the past year, and a happy omen for future work, the day for the Woman's Meeting was one of June's brightest, and at the appointed hour crowds of earnest Christian women from all parts of our land gathered to receive new inspiration through the soul-stirring accounts from those who best know the present crisis, and our opportunity. The audience in itself was an inspiration to the speakers, each of whom was followed with the closest attention without a sign of weariness or restlessness during the entire afternoon. In answer to united prayer, a sacred Presence filled the house, and we were conscious of the overshadowing power of the Highest.

MINUTES.

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Department in connection with the sixty-second Anniversary of the American Home Missionary Society, was held on Wednesday, June 6th, 1888, at 2:15 P. M.

By invitation of the Society, Mrs. J. A. Biddle, of Hartford, Connecticut, presided, and Mrs. L. F. Berry, secretary of the Nebraska W. H. M. U., acted as scribe.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way."

A roll-call of States showed the following representation: Maine, 2; New Hampshire, 7; Vermont, 32; Massachusetts, 252; Rhode Island, 2; Connecticut, 23; New York, 24; New Jersey, 2; Ohio, 4; Iowa, 2; Wisconsin, 1; Illinois, 1; Michigan, 2; Nebraska, 1; Colorado, 1; Minnesota, 2; Missouri, 2; Tennessee, 1. The roll-call was the first exercise on the programme, and, as the church was but partially filled, several States were imperfectly represented. Eighteen, however, sent regularly appointed delegates—the largest representation on record.

The selection of Scripture, Matt. xxv. 31-46, was read by Mrs. Biddle of Connecticut.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, President of the Ohio W. H. M. U.

An address of greeting was given by Mrs. Biddle.

Rev. E. A. Adams gave an account of "The new Bohemian Church" in Chicago.

Miss Marion Vincent Ellis, of Brooklyn, sang the hymn, "If I were a voice."

"Early Recollections of the Mormons in Sweden" were presented by Mrs. Botilda Persson Moore, a native Swede.

A hymn was sung, after which Mrs. Caswell led the aged Mrs. Schaufliker to the front of the platform, introducing her to the audience as the Missionary Mother of the Missionary Schauflikers who have given their lives to home and foreign work. To this the audience responded by rising.

An address to young ladies on the subject, "Have Salt in Yourselves," was presented by Mrs. S. E. Eastman of the Grainger School, Canandaigua, New York.

The Consecration Hymn was sung by Miss Ellis, followed by a few moments of silent prayer.

In response to requests from many, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, of St. Louis, read a paper prepared for a meeting of the Officers of the State Unions, on the subject "Our Furnishing for our Work," based upon the scripture, Joshua i. 10.

An address upon "Rocky Mountain Experiences" was given by Mrs. J. W. Pickett, of White Water, Colorado. Mr. Lewis, a Polish Missionary in Detroit, gave a familiar talk upon "Every-day Work among the Poles."

By requests from the audience Mrs. Schaufliker said a few words, and offered prayer.

An impromptu collection was taken as the nucleus of a fund for a church building at White Water, Colorado, where Mrs. Pickett has organized a church.

Mrs. C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, Secretary of the Illinois W. H. M. U., exhibited a necklace which had been given for the Parsonage Fund, and made an appeal for contributions to build a missionary parsonage.

Mrs. George M. Lane, President of the Michigan W. H. M. S., spoke briefly of the special work among the Poles in Michigan, and appealed to the Christian young women of the churches to take up the work of Bible-reading among the foreigners of their own cities.

After singing "America," Rev. W. G. Puddefoot made the closing address.

After the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. H. Clapp, D.D.—*Mrs. L. F. Berry, Scribe.*

ADDRESS OF GREETING.

By Mrs. J. A. BIDDLE, HARTFORD, CT.

MY DEAR SISTERS: In the name of the Officers of the American Home Missionary Society, I bid you a most cordial welcome to this grand national gathering. You have come from every section of this vast

country; you have come from historic New England, from the rich Pacific Slope, from the bustling, enthusiastic Northwest, from the swiftly developing Southern States, from the solid center of our Union, because you are actuated by common sentiments of patriotism and of love to our blessed Master. It is a great and inspiring thought that, as here assembled, we represent the Christian women of America. It is a thought which may well fill us with a profound and almost overwhelming sense of responsibility.

When the officers of the American Home Missionary Society called upon me to perform the duty of presiding at this annual meeting, I gladly responded to their call, because it seemed to me no higher honor could be conferred upon an American woman than that of being identified with the work of this beloved and honored Society, which under God has done so much to preserve the Christian character of this republic.

Besides, dear sisters, I expected, while standing before you, to be so touched by the magic of your unmistakably American faces, earnest with love for our common country, that all narrow, provincial prejudices would drop away from me, and that instead I should be thrilled with a deep and abiding national enthusiasm; for to-day we should be prouder of being Americans than of having come from Massachusetts, or California, or New York, or Virginia, no matter how glorious its record.

Moreover, I longed with unspeakable longing to take by the hand those heroic Home Missionaries who I knew would be here, and to tell them that the story of their sacrifices, their privations, their patient endurance, and their zeal in preaching the unsearchable riches of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, has not fallen upon unsympathetic hearts. Dear Missionary sisters, you are welcome, nay, you are thrice welcome to this trusting-place of those who love the Lord and who are consecrated to the upbuilding of his kingdom in this nation.

Let us congratulate one another, that in coming here, we have no reason to hang our heads in shame. The year has been a year of victory. That dreadful debt, which has been a horrible nightmare to the home workers, to the cramped and discouraged veterans in the field, to the goaded Secretaries at the office, has been wiped out. Not a penny do we owe to bank or missionary. We stand free from the galling load which has been dragging us down for the last two years. It is fitting that we should break forth into joyful songs of praise for this signal deliverance.

Let us also thank our Heavenly Father for the thousands who have been gathered into the fold; for the new churches which have been organized; for the little children who have been taught to lisp the name of Jesus; for the young men who have been snatched from the tempter's power; for the Christians who have been comforted and strengthened in the faith; for the broad acres and growing towns which have been pre-empted for the Master.

But let us stay our rejoicing for a few moments to face squarely a few

stern facts: 1st. The American Home Missionary Society has been working in the most limited manner possible. RETRENCHMENT, not ADVANCEMENT has been its watchword. You know the sad story full well. It only remains for me to emphasize what has been said, alas! many, many, times. The trimming and pruning of the last two years, must be continued no longer, else the work will lose its vigor, the home churches will grow discouraged and listless, our missionaries will lose heart and enthusiasm, and mammonism and atheism will insolently triumph.

2d. The tide of immigration, unprecedented in the world's history, has not ceased to roll in upon us. At least 1,000 foreigners land upon our shores, daily, to complicate the problem before the country. Although our success among the Bohemians and Scandinavians is wonderful, it is no time to fold our hands and sit at ease hoping that by some occult process the work will go on. No, it is the very time to bend our fullest energies to the task of Americanizing and Christianizing these people, who, through no fault of their own, have no fitness for governing themselves.

Again, the Swett Exigency Fund has not been replaced. Some way must be devised to meet the summer's expenses. During July and August, the work goes on without cessation. A Home Missionary cannot often indulge in the luxury of a vacation at a fashionable watering-place, or a trip to Europe, or even a visit to home friends in the East. He toils away, assiduously, under the glare of the summer's sun, teaching, preaching, exhorting, only too thankful if the churches will make provision, so that his whole strength may be given to the labor of love. These three facts I lay before you with special emphasis.

Now, a few words in regard to our own work. As I look over the Secretary's Report my heart swells with thankfulness and renewed courage. Nearly \$38,000 for Home Missions this year! Have we really been able to do so much? How blessed! Then we can do MORE. What additional labor shall we undertake another year? What more necessary and gracious work is open to us than that of securing a "Summer Fund" which will provide missionary salaries for the vacation months? It is said if the women of our churches will each put into the treasury fifty cents extra before setting out on the summer's pleasuring, the work would move on without special anxiety. Are there not among us those who will constitute themselves "Emergency Ladies," who will contribute this little sum, and who will influence their friends and neighbors to do the same—a much greater task? I throw this out only as a suggestion.

Many doors of usefulness are open to us. We are having the reward of the faithful servant, in the parable, "Thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." Oh, that we might more perfectly understand our Savior's love for guilty, ruined, wretched humanity! Oh, that we might more fully catch his spirit of self-abnegation and devotion to the salvation of men! When I think of

the change which has been wrought in this sin-cursed world since He hung upon the cross, I feel that nothing is impossible to us. God grant that there may be a great outpouring of his Holy Spirit here this afternoon, to teach us our duty, and to give us strength to labor for our day and generation.

OUR ARMOR.

By MRS. C. L. GOODELL, ST. LOUIS.

WHAT IS OUR FURNISHING, OR ARMOR, AS OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY?

WE read that Joshua commanded the *officers* of the Israelites as they stood on the borders of the promised land, saying: "Ye shall go before your brethren *armed*, and help them." Here is distinct recognition of the responsibility of leaders. We hold a commission from God to possess this land of America, as truly as the Israelites did to possess the land of Canaan; and we, too, as officers, must go before our brethren "*armed*."

It is not a philanthropic enterprise, nor educational simply, but CHRISTIANIZING, and our furnishing must come from the One who grants the commission. He lays upon us a great work, but He also gives us great power to do it.

1. Our Savior said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me when ye shall receive power from the Holy Ghost." The great office of the Holy Spirit is to reveal Christ. His warm breath unseals our hearts to receive Christ; in His light we see Christ. He gently, but powerfully moves us to love him, and stirs within us the fountains of desire to serve him. This vision of our blessed Lord, then—the inner look at the crucified One—the experience of a fire which touches the heart and lips, this is the power that comes from the Holy Spirit, and puts us in communication with the very throne of God. The prophet Micah said, "I am *full of power*, by the Spirit of the Lord." Paul had this power when he said, "Necessity is laid upon me, yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel." Even Christ himself did not attempt to preach His own word without the anointing of the Holy Ghost. He says: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; He hath anointed me to preach," etc. We also must have this spiritual anointing.

2. Again, it is needful that we have *some adequate conception and knowledge of the work to be done*, and be able not only to work ourselves, but to direct others. Joshua said to the officers: "Command the people;" that is, tell them what to do—mark out a line of effort. In organized mission work there must be leaders; the officers go before, the people follow. There are many who can do very well what they are told to do,

but who look for direction ; who wait to be aroused and set to work. This the officers must be ready to do.

3. Another important furnishing is, *familiarity with God's Word*, and the habit of drawing inspiration from it, both for ourselves and for those we try to lead. Here is a vast power within the reach of us all. If the Bible has something adapted to meet every condition and circumstance of our lives, we certainly shall not find it wanting when we look for wisdom and guidance in Christian work. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

We are in danger of drawing upon our own resources too much, and from the Bible too little ; to substitute human ingenuity for the wisdom that cometh from above. To be able to apply Scripture knowledge aptly to the case in hand, whatever department of Christian work it may be, is to wield a power that cannot be over-estimated. The Bible is a text-book for all it is necessary to know, in order to carry on, successfully, mission work ; and when we are casting about for wise ways and methods, we do well to make a prayerful study of its pages with reference to finding out God's mind. One of the divine directions to Joshua was : " This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth ; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do all that is written therein, for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

4. Another portion of our necessary armor is *courage and hopefulness*. This implies faith in God and his promises ; that we believe he will crown our efforts with success. We are not working alone. Our Lord's words are : " Be strong and of a good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee." As co-workers with God, we have no right to be weak. The obstacles may be many, the laborers few, the perils that confront us appalling, and our progress slow ; yet we are to keep up good courage as those who rest in the Lord and trust his power to deliver and save, while we faithfully endeavor to help our brethren.

A discouraged person can accomplish little or nothing. When we give way to discouragement we relax our efforts, and bring great dishonor upon God the faithful promiser. The Lord said to the Israelites : " Ye shall pass over this Jordan." That river separated them from the promised land, and was a barrier that no human effort could overcome ; yet even that was not too hard for the Lord. So the rivers of Skepticism, of Mormonism, of Romanism, of Intemperance, and Socialism, which flood our country to-day, are under the divine control, and can all be rolled back at God's word as easily as the Jordan was parted to make a dry passage for the Israelites. This thought of God's almighty power that is pledged to us ought to make us STRONG.

5. Again, we must have *sympathy with one another*, and with all engaged in kindred work. The moment we make others feel that we are

in sympathy with what they are trying to do, that moment we have great power over them to help them. If, on the other hand, because we may have had a little wider experience, we look on their beginnings with indifference, and in our hearts despise the day of small things, we at once become powerless to aid or inspire them—we shall only quench the smoking flax. *True* Christian work draws hearts together. If we find any other effect being produced in us, we may well suspect the genuineness of our service; we may fear we are building of wood, hay, or stubble, which will not bear the final test.

As we look into each other's faces, and behold the blessed image of our Savior there, we love one another. We do not need to know much of each other in order to be Christian friends; our love in Jesus makes us one. And though we may live hundreds of miles apart, and move in widely varying circles, we come together as old friends. The fact that we have one Heavenly Father, one Savior, one Comforter, one Eternal Home to which we are going, is enough to kindle our sympathies and draw out our mutual love.

6. One more important portion of our armor is *prayer*;—prayer for ourselves, for our fellow-workers, for the on-going of the kingdom of Christ in our land. Prayer is the sure thing that links us to God, and puts us into possession of all the resources of the heavenly world. Hear Paul's yearning words to the Ephesians: "I bow my knees unto the Father, that He would grant unto you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit; that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith, to the end that ye may be strong."

It seems almost too good to believe, that we may actually hasten the coming of his kingdom by our prayers! That we may open the very treasures of heaven upon our missionary workers, and bring down the power of the Holy Spirit on their work. **BUT IT IS TRUE.** May God grant us more and more the spirit of prayer!

These are some of the furnishings for our missionary work. We might indeed quail before the mighty forces that rise up to threaten us, if we went forth to meet them unarmed. But with the "shield of faith," "the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God," the breastplate of love, the helmet of hope, and the golden girdle of prayer, and above all, the Almighty Arm to lean upon, we may be strong for service, and become anointed and efficient leaders among our people.

Our blessed Lord has gone up, and many of those who loved him, and labored for Him, are with Him. He has left some of us in the wilderness a little longer. It is one family, however,—some above and some below. They that are above have finished their work, and have entered into the rest of the people of God. We that are below, are left to be lights in the world, and to shine for Christ till He calls us Home.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

A ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOMAN.

MRS. J. A. PICKETT, of White Water, Colorado, gave some thrilling experiences of life in the Rocky Mountains, including a graphic account of her Sunday-school, nine miles from the ranch upon which she and her three boys have lived since that never-to-be-forgotten tragedy of the overturned stage-coach, in which the little family were suddenly deprived of the husband and father, and the American Home Missionary Society of one of its beloved and most efficient superintendents.

This Sunday-school, she said, brought to the people of this wild region memories of the old-time Sabbath-day of the early home, and they began to grow hungry for a preaching service. She found twelve Christian people, and wrote to Superintendent Sanders begging him to come and organize them into a church. It was impossible for him to go to her at that time, but he gave her permission to organize it herself. This she did, at once!

Mr. Sanders has sent a pastor to this little flock, whom they are doing their utmost to support. They worship in a little school-house, which is, however, soon to be closed to all church services. Mrs. Pickett emphasized the need of a small chapel which should also include a reading-room for the cow-boys of that region.

The audience were greatly interested in this story, and, when an impromptu collection was proposed, responded most heartily by contributing over \$450 to this woman's Rocky Mountain church. May every dollar of the remaining five hundred needed, be also contributed by Christian women!

But this brave and earnest women heard the voice of the Master again, and yet again that day, saying unto her "Oh, woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." At the close of the meeting, a lady from Gloversville, N. Y., said to her, "I own land in that country of which you have told us. You shall have an acre of my land for your chapel!" In the evening, a New Hampshire lady presented a communion service to Mrs. Pickett for the little church, and before the close of this eventful day, several barrels of literature had been promised for the "cow-boy's reading-room."

The scene will never be forgotten by one who saw this happy woman in her room that night, praising God, with streaming eyes, for his unspeakable goodness in bringing her to the East to receive so rich a blessing from his children.

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF MORMONISM IN SWEDEN.

BY MRS. BOTILDA PERSSON MOORE.

AMONG the many bright memories that cluster about my early home-life, are two pictures, of the somberest colors, and the deepest shadows.

And, whenever my thoughts revert to those happy days, these pictures stand out, in bold relief, and challenge my attention. If you will go with me, for a few moments, I will show you these pictures.

Having reached the little city of Cimbrishamn, on the southern coast of Sweden, where the waves of the Baltic soothingly caress the shores, or break against the rocks, we will seek one of its homes. On entering it, we see there every sign of refinement and culture. On being admitted to the family circle, we find that love, honor and purity govern that household. It is what we would call a happy home. Into this home a stranger gains admittance, and even wins the confidence of the family; and we need not wonder at it, for he appears like an angel of light; but, behind the mask of religion is disguised an emissary of the evil one, who concentrates all his efforts and skill on the flower of the family, a young lady of twenty years. She is very beautiful. Our poet, Tegner, would say of her, she was fair as a "*morgon-rodnad*,"—which means "fair as the blush of dawn;" and this sly intruder does not cease to ply his wily arts till he has made her his victim. Never shall I forget the morning she rushed into our school-room to say "Good-by" to our teacher, exclaiming, "I am going to Utah!—I am going to Utah!" Never did she look more fair, in her innocence and joy, completely infatuated, as she was, with the new teachings of the stranger. And the parents, equally ignorant of the falseness of these teachings, felt it their duty to let their daughter go where such a glorious future awaited their child. Have you ever felt the loneliness, the heart-ache, the anxiety, when a child that has been the joy of your home, has left you? If you have, then you can sympathize with these parents. But to what shall we compare their sorrow, when this child, transplanted from that atmosphere of love, purity, and innocence, to one that is nauseating with the corruption of the place, where there is no way of escape for her, in very desperation, becomes wholly abandoned, without self-respect, with no faith in either God or man, utterly hopeless, a ruined life, a lost soul, behind her a blighted home! I will leave that picture, with only *this* thought: What would you or I do, if such a one should happen to be *our* child?

We will not look for the other picture in the city, but will betake ourselves to a sparsely-settled country district, and stop at a small cottage; it is a very small one, indeed, but, upon entering it, we see, at once, that the inmates are thrifty and cleanly. The family consists of an invalid mother and her two daughters. Karin, the older of the two, is now eighteen, the very picture of health, and goodness, and contentment. She is the right arm of that household, its main dependence. During the winter, she spins the flax for some neighbor; and during the summer, she weaves it into cloth, and takes an honest pride in both the quantity and the quality of her handiwork. The younger sister devotes herself to their invalid mother, and household duties, while that mother is priestess in the family; and I doubt, if you could find, in the most gospel-favored

community with its prayer-meetings, its "Y. P. S. C. E.," its Sunday-school and Bible classes, a family of three more thoroughly settled in the doctrines of the Bible, more deeply grounded in the Christian faith, more obedient to the will of God, as they read his holy word. Their days are spent in quiet contentment and implicit confidence in God. Into this family also, a stranger intrudes, if not the same one that we saw in the city, a servant of the same master. This unsophisticated family feels itself honored, by being sought out, in their secluded home, by one of God's own chosen ones, as he sanctimoniously claims to be; and they listen eagerly to his teachings, which he confirms with many proof texts from the Bible. And when the fond mother seems to shrink from the thought of any one leaving home, in order to serve God in a foreign land, then he brings to bear the familiar passage, "Every one that hath forsaken father or mother, for my name's sake shall receive an hundred fold, and inherit eternal life." Having aimed at, and overcome the mother's conscientious scruples, he has gained his point. It only remains, now, to entrap Karin, whom he has selected as his prey; and this is easily done, by holding before her such glowing prospects and fair promises as none but the father of lies can invent; and when he assures Karin that she will be able to support mother and sister much more easily, that she can soon send for them to come to her, that she is only going to prepare the way for *them*, he has captured his fair victim. The mother stills her heart's anguish with the thought of her child's welfare: "Karin has had to work so hard, to earn their bread; now she will have an easier lot." And at last, with many promises and reassurances between mother and daughter, the last farewell is spoken, and Karin, brave, pure and true, is on her way to Utah.

Leaden-footed the days and nights pass by, in that lowly cottage. We will not try to look into the mother's heart. At last comes the day when they expect a letter, but it does not come; mother and sister find ready excuses for Karin; not a thought of blame for *her* enters their minds. The weeks merge into months, the months become many; but, even then, confidence in Karin is still unshaken as the hills about them. The Christmas-tide is approaching—that time so sacred to the Swedes; surely Karin will remember them then, and the frail mother, whose strength has failed greatly, since her daughter's departure, summoning all her energy to quiet the tempestuous emotions of her heart, bravely awaits the Christmas-tide. The day arrives, but it brings no word from Karin. The strain is too great, the mother's heart breaks, and her spirit is set free.

Now, let us see why Karin did not write to those who were so dear to her. Arriving in Utah, she was exhibited, with a number of other women, and, being young and comely, she was, at once, selected by one of the leading saints, who had grown gray in iniquity and crime. On being informed that this vile, repulsive creature was to be her husband, she could not believe it possible; but when she was compelled to face

the awful fact, she at first pleaded against it as for her life. This proving to be of no avail, she rebelled against and fought the monster; when they found that she would not yield herself a ready victim to their practices, they tried every persuasive art to win her over to their faith; and when they failed in that, then they resorted to cruel punishment and threats, but our noble Karin did not yield. At last, after two weeks of disappointment and despair, reason forsook her, and one morning, she was observed casting herself into a lake, whose cold waves quickly shielded her from her tormentors. No doubt, the saints were glad that she had taken herself out of the way, relieving them of further trouble with so incorrigible a person. No wonder that the mother waited, in vain, for news from Karin.

Now, friends, do you ask, who these strangers were, that caused such a destruction of hopes, lives, and souls?

They were MORMON MISSIONARIES, who could show you certificates to the fact, that they had permission to go wherever they chose and spread the pernicious influence of Mormonism, far and wide. I think I hear some one say: "But *that* happened so long ago, it is an old story."

What I have told you, happened about eighteen years ago. *It has happened every year since then; it happens to-day.*

A few days ago, I received two letters from Sweden. One friend writes: "Two Mormons came here, this winter, from Utah; a number of people had gathered in a house to listen to them; but the Mormons heard that the authorities from a neighboring city were in pursuit of them, and they did not think it best to meet their appointment, but fled to parts unknown." Another friend writes: "Thank God, the Mormons have not visited our place for many years. They do not now venture into the cities, but confine themselves to rural districts. May there soon be a stop to their work." A young Swedish woman told me, a short time ago, "The last words my mother said to me, when I left home, a year ago, were: "My child, beware of the Mormons." My friends, *thousands* of young women have received the same warning, on leaving their homes for an untried future; and can we not fancy the fears and anxieties of that parent's heart who is constrained to utter such a warning?

The Swedes, as a class, are a very credulous and unsuspecting people, and it is well nigh impossible for them to believe that any one can trifle or deceive in matters of religion. Can we not therefore, picture to ourselves, the complete revulsion which takes place, when *such* a mind as this finds itself utterly deceived, utterly helpless, utterly friendless, in a strange land, surrounded by all that is vile and inhuman, by threats and tyranny? Can we wonder that despair seizes the soul,—that reason is dethroned,—that the person gives himself over to crimes the most disgusting and brutal.

Christian friends, we have a work to do, in shielding these our brothers

and sisters from this great curse. The story of misery and woe has come to us so often from Utah, our hearts are deeply moved for these deceived and unhappy people and our indignation is aroused at the abominable practices of Mormonism. But we seldom, if ever, give a thought to the innocent victims, induced to go to Utah from other lands.

You need but to read the results of recent investigations in Utah, by the Rev. M. W. Montgomery, to learn how wide-spread is this soul-destroying system. He states that two thousand converts annually come over the seas to Utah, and unless we stem this tide of immigration, it seems to me that the "New West Education Commission," and other missionary efforts in Utah, must fail to reach their highest results, and much labor is spent in vain.

Faithful men and women labor diligently in this unenviable field,—the churches give liberally to carry on the good work, and still the United States government allows these Mormons to send as many missionaries as they please, all over the world! That is policy, I suppose—it is not principle. Did we not know it to be a fact, we should be very slow to believe, that a nation like this, foremost among civilized lands, could suffer such a hideous blot on its fair escutcheon; and I cannot but feel that this government is responsible for the lives and souls that are decoyed through Mormon missionaries, and lost by their teachings—responsible, at least, for those who come from other lands; for these are ignorant of the facts in the case. So long as this government will not wipe out this iniquity from the face of this land, but permits the Mormons to go abroad, deceiving the people, it ought, at the same time, to send Christian teachers, to warn such as are in danger of being ensnared.

The Swedes have found a champion in the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, who is devoted to the good of this people, and whose powerful influence is felt beyond the Atlantic. A few years ago, he visited that glorious land,—there is none other like it,—in behalf of the churches and he caused such a wave of religious interest to roll over that land that it has not subsided, yet. Now send him over, once more—he will be welcome, I assure you—and let him sound the tocsin of war against Mormonism. His article, "A Warning to the Swedes," in which he unflinchingly exposes Mormonism, has been translated into the Scandinavian languages, and is to be printed in every Scandinavian newspaper on the globe, and thereby is to enlighten thousands. After a Swedish woman had read that article, she said to me, "Why does not some one go over and tell them how bad it is, and I am sure no one would listen to the Mormons."

There is but one opinion in regard to Mormonism and its influence. It is an evil system, and its influence is pernicious, yet we often hear this remonstrance among Christian men: "The time is not yet come to destroy the hydra-headed monster, the public is not yet ready to abolish it." But when is it a proper time to destroy the works of darkness?

When *ought* the public to be ready to abolish an atrocious sin like this? Is it not *now*?

Dear sisters, if this government, if statesmen and politicians will not grapple with this monster, then let *us* come to the rescue of our fellow men in other lands, whose affections and hopes and aspirations for their children are like our own. And were *our* sons and daughters in danger, I am sure our tongues would be eloquent, and our brains and hearts fertile in inventing means and methods by which this horrid iniquity should be stamped out. Let us so mold public sentiment by arousing the public conscience that SHAME shall stand written on the face of every man who has the *power* but not the *will* to remove this curse from our land, and insure peace and happiness to thousands of homes. The mercy seat, and the judgment throne are as accessible to these deluded victims of oppression as they are to us. And there they will plead their own cause, there they will be avenged. Unless we share in the work of saving them, we can never share in the blessings that follow such a work.

HAVE SALT IN YOURSELVES.

TO YOUNG LADIES.

BY ANNIS F. EASTMAN.

"HAVE you a message for the young women of this Land—for those who are not only the light of our homes, but the hope of our Nation?"

A message? Yes, a hundred messages. From every failure on our track as we trace it back through the years,—from the conscious weakness of the present hour which might have been strength, from defeat and disappointment, we eagerly gather up the secrets we have learned and pour them out upon those who stand "Where the brook and river meet, womanhood and childhood fleet."

We see that it is a wonderful place to stand—we know what the brook has been, with its freshness and its song hidden in the quiet walks of home, and we know what the river *ought* to mean, how it should bring cleansing and refreshment and peace to the larger world outside, and we love to think that perhaps we may have made some of your mistakes *for* you, and that out of our past you may get a future. We see that the river of womanhood to-day is not what it was a thousand, nor one hundred years, nor even fifty years ago. It can no longer flow only in sheltered places among the shadows of the home trees, it must pass out into the world's dusty highways, it must help do the world's work—it must carry its crystal waters and its song of peace into the crowded mart and the busy highway. It is no longer enough for women to suffer in silence, to cry to Him who seeth in secret, for the sins and sorrows of their native land and the world,—the call for action has been heard and women have arisen to obey it.

Is it that womanhood is changed? No, the world is waking to the

value of the woman's weapons—and so we have vast armies organized, with no beating of drums or clang of arms. Their weapons are Faith and Prayer, and the banner over them is Love. They have wielded them long in secret and they know their power. See them joining their feeble hands across this great continent from Maine to California to keep back the tide of intemperance which threatens to engulf our fair land and silence the voices of our children. See them stretching out their hands to their sisters lying in dungeons centuries old in far-away heathen lands. Will they be able to lift them up? Yes, for "love never fails." See them as they gather here to-day, claiming America, not for Americans, as the politicians say, but for Christ, and thus Christ for the world.

He who cares to look back over the history of the past ten years will be struck by the increase of the organized public work of women in all reformatory and evangelistic work. This phenomenon is surely one of the important factors in the development of American Christian civilization. And here you are in the midst of it. You can not escape it if you would—you cannot be the perhaps-to-be-envied woman, who is to keep silence in public and learn of her husband at home; and who, if he knows little and cares less about all these things, is relieved from further responsibility in the matter. You are a nineteenth—nearly a twentieth century girl, and new times bring new duties. You cannot escape the womanly ideal of the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Moreover, beloved, I should be untrue to my trust did I not confess to you that the old-fashioned duties of womanhood do not grow less. Women are working at many knotty problems to-day, but none is harder than that old one on which nearly every one of the Old Testament worthies failed—bringing up a child successfully according to his bent. It is an arduous calling, this of being a woman, one which should not be embraced lightly. In such a moment as this, in view of all the interests represented here, in view of the world's best work, which has its source and center in the hearts and brains of the women before me, and remembering always that home must be first and chiefest to every woman whom God has made a queen in her own right, by making her a mother—in view of all this, what can we say to you to make you large enough, strong enough, good enough for your opportunity? Nay, let us stand aside and let the Master of Life speak to you. This is his message: "Have salt in yourselves." You will remember that he spoke these words to the disciples at the time when John came running to him to tell him of his zeal in forbidding one who was casting out devils in the Master's name because he was not doing it in the orthodox manner, as John thought. I need not point out to you the grandeur of Jesus' reply, in which he proves himself so far removed from the imperfections of our human nature. But in his talk with the disciples *after this occurrence*, he speaks these words. They meant more to those

Jews who heard him than they can to us at first. They referred to the old law concerning sacrifices, so familiar to every Jew, which was this:—“Neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat-offering—with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt.” Lev. ii. 13. So essential was this deemed, that the rite was often spoken of as the covenant of salt. It was never called a covenant of meat, though that was, in truth, so much larger a part of the offering. The salt was that which God insisted upon and which gave its spiritual savor to the offering. I do not know what this can typify, if it be not the spiritual part of the worship, or gift, or service. It is that nameless something which gives its spiritual savor to every real gift or true deed of service, or genuine act of worship. Have you ever received a gift that you knew was given you simply by way of payment? Then you have a hint of what an unsalted sacrifice is. Have you ever gone through daily tasks just because you had to, with no uplift or aspiration or hope? Then you know something about offering unsalted sacrifices.

Can we not say, out of our own daily experience in giving and serving, obeying and worshipping, “Salt is indeed good?” That spiritual essence—so volatile and so quick to escape—which yet gives all the sweet and high and holy meaning to our lives in all their relationships—surely it is good, indispensable.

Life in all its relations would be flat, stale, unprofitable indeed without it. And yet we are often without it—and most of all we lack it in the offerings which we bring to God and humanity. And so, for lack of salt life grows dull and tiresome—tasks are long and hard—we go like slaves to our work, because we must, and we fail to offer any acceptable service to God or to work any real good to our fellow men.

Why does it fail? Simply because we do not have salt in ourselves. We are always trying to get it from some outside circumstances or from each other. From the time we rise from our beds in the morning and look eagerly out of our windows to see if it is bracing, inspiring weather, *our* kind of weather—until we go back to our beds at night despairing of all God’s plans in the world, we are like the “horse leech’s daughter”—though I never could find out what that was—crying “give, give!” We ask the weather to tone us up and make us ready for brave work; we ask our family for cheer and encouragement; we demand faithfulness and skill from our servants; if our companion gives us a moan or a strong pull in the wrong direction we roll the failure of the day right over on her shoulders, and when we leave our homes we demand inspiration from our teachers, and most of all from the preacher, and if we feel no glow of spiritual life we mourn over the degeneracy of the modern pulpit. If we have no missionary zeal we say: “Ours is not a missionary church.” We know that our religion is a form, and that our gifts are made because we are ashamed to withhold them—in a word, that our Christianity lacks

salt, and is therefore good for nothing; but the failure is in the place where we are set and the people among whom we must dwell.

The wide-spread dependence upon this outside seasoning of life is seen in the constant effort that is made to manufacture the salt of life in large quantities. Every missionary society spends much of its time, strength and means in getting up the great meeting and bringing some noted speaker before its members, that he may inspire them anew with love to God and humanity, so that they may be willing to serve them and Him in sacrificial gifts.

"We who are older need not be told that such salt soon loses its savor; while you are surrounded by people who have this salt and by influences that are full of it, you may be deceived into thinking that you are living a successful and worshipful life, and offering a true sacrifice to God; but a few days of sickness or isolation, or a few days spent among people who are themselves without this salt of life, will prove to you that Jesus gave to his disciples the only sure receipt for the seasoning of our daily life; the only one which can make it in its work or in its worship, acceptable to God. You must have salt in *yourselves*. Start out to-morrow with a resolution to be good—to be a bringer of cheer wherever your influence goes. Perhaps you meet at the threshold of your room one who stabs you with a polite yet cruel tongue. Immediately your day is darkened, your inspiration breathes itself quickly away, and you drop to the old level of yesterday, a bearer of burdens indeed, but not a bringer of cheer. Be sure, then, that you are seeking your salt outside—that you did not have it truly, as you ought, in yourself. But how? How can you cease to be a beggar in the world and become an almoner? Take Christ into yourself. He is the true and only savor of life. His spirit in us, alone makes acceptable our prayers, and our alms. Neither shalt *thou* suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy service; be it work or waiting, with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt. It is our hunger and thirst for this true savor of life, that makes us go about begging from nature, from books, and from men, that which shall make living and laboring worth the while. Emerson has voiced this truth in these words: "All young persons thirst for a real existence, for an object, for something great and good, which they shall do with all their heart." This is only another way of saying that nothing can satisfy us but the Best and the Highest. Until we behold him who is chiefest among ten thousand, the *One* altogether lovely, we shall be beggars in this world indeed. The only thing which you can ever do with "*all* your heart is to serve and love and follow Jesus Christ, for He is the only one who is worthy of our best and highest."

They tell me that the young women are asked this year, to give their help to the work for the Scandinavians in this country. How shall we salt this sacrifice for you so that you shall offer it with joy? Shall we take you back in thought up the stream of time till we see those glorious

old Vikings issuing out of the deep and gloomy fiords of their frozen land in their swift ships to seize and subdue the fair lands of the South? Shall we surround these new comers on our shores with all the halo of romance and song which we can so easily find in the story of their ancestors? Or shall we picture them to you as they are to-day, a hardy, brave, honest and affectionate people, so well fitted to offset the lazy and vicious races that have come to us from popish lands? Shall we tell you of their eagerness for education, heroic self-denial, and ready adaptation to to our American ideas, of their fitness to become warp and woof, with our own children, of our national fabric?

Would this fire your hearts with zeal for their salvation? In the strength of this will you deny yourself something of the pride of life and the desire of your eyes? Perhaps, for a time. But we will not appeal to you thus. We will let these multitudes pass by—old men and children, young men and maidens, and we will not seek to voice their need. Then let us wait in silence until we hear one voice speaking in your ear,—“Behold I stand at the door and knock”—and when you have opened your door, and he has supped with you, and you with him, you will bring all your treasures and lay them at his feet, and you will arise in his name and for his sake, to render joyful service to the least of these his brethren. Take Christ into yourself and you will need no man to teach you the meaning of Life—nor to paint for you the glory of the service for humanity.

GLEANINGS.

MRS. J. A. BIDDLE, of Hartford, Connecticut, who presided so acceptably at the meeting of the Woman's Department on Wednesday afternoon, is the author of the leaflet “Helen Harrison's Awakening.” The demand for this paper, which was read at the annual meeting of the New York Woman's Union, one year ago, has resulted in the circulation of several thousand copies throughout the country.

THE addresses of Rev. Messrs. E. A. Adams, Moritz E. Eversz, J. Lewis, and W. G. Puddefoot, all of rare interest, will be published in the August number of *The Home Missionary*.

THE uplifting power of sacred song through the medium of a voice of exceptional sweetness, was never more evident than at each session of this convention. Our souls were stirred—not only with the melody of the clear tones—but with the tender spirituality of Christian sentiment, rendered with rare expression and distinctness. The breathless stillness of the audience explains, perhaps, the strange hush which falls upon crowds of rough men and women in New York City at a “Jerry

McAuley Meeting," or the "Midnight Mission," when the same sweet voice gives to them the glad tidings of free salvation, in songs to which many a wanderer listens with bowed head, and tear-stained face.

A SEASON of silent prayer was closed by Mrs. Goodell, with the following from 1 Kings, 8: 39: "Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; for thou, even thou only knowest the hearts of all the children of men."

MANY of the audience were impressed by the choice English in which the Swedish lady, Mrs. Moore, told the story of her "Early Recollections of the Mormons in Sweden." Mrs. Moore has just completed the translation of "Ben Hur" into the Swedish language.

THE face of that veteran missionary, and mother of missionaries, Mrs. Schaffler,—touched with a ray of the glory to come,—was an inspiration to all. She sat upon the platform and entered with keen zest into every part of the programme. When asked to rise for presentation to the audience, she consented; but when her age was announced as eighty-seven, she exclaimed, "No! No! only eighty-six!" Her earnest words in behalf of the Bohemians, and the Spanish population of New York City, with a fervent prayer for all missionary workers, will not soon be forgotten. The next day, willing to advance the cause of Christ by every means within her power, Mrs. Schaffler consented to climb to the gallery of a photographer, and sit for her picture! This, to help the Spanish work. The effort was successful, and the photograph, cabinet size, may be obtained for fifty cents, by application to Miss C. M. Strong, 127 E. 10th St., New York City. While Rev. Mr. Jones, of Saratoga, was assisting this remarkable woman to descend the stairs, she remarked, "Now, if I should fall, and lose my life, how much faster these pictures would sell!" It is needless to add that a large number of these valuable photographs were disposed of at once.

A VERY pleasant and unexpected part of the programme was the following message from Mrs. Drake, of Dakota.

"Dear Sisters, Greeting! Sorry I cannot be with you. Must stay by the stuff. Oh, woman, great is your privilege. Send us help to hold our country for Christ. New fields are opening. If you cannot come to the front, *send those who can*. The Master calls you to do this for his sake."

ALTHOUGH there has been no falling off in the number of BOXES sent to home missionary pastors during the past year, the "Woman's Fund for Missionary Salaries" has already reached the sum of \$5,552.93. This Fund, which helps to keep the men upon the field, is a source of strength and encouragement to the Society.

THE young ladies of this land have been invited by the American Home Missionary Society to raise \$10,000 this year for work among the Scandinavians. Who will open the "YOUNG LADIES' SWEDISH FUND?" Young gentlemen, will, we doubt not, be permitted to "lënd a hand" at filling this special purse.

At the close of the woman's meeting, a lady came to the secretary of the Woman's Department, and placing within her hand a plain gold ring said, "I want to give you this ring to sell for the blessed cause. I want you to get a good large sum for it. You will not mind my name being engraved upon it—will you?"

The heart of the secretary sank within her as the array of finger-rings, ear-rings, breast-pins, pencil-cases, necklaces, eye-glasses, etc., in her office at the New York Bible House came to mind. Could she wound this dear, waiting disciple, whose heart had been stirred to help the cause in this way? Had she the courage to refuse the ring? Looking into the honest, patient face, she resolved to—confess! She admitted the sad fact that after two years of effort, she had thus far failed to sell even *one* ornament of this golden collection committed to her care by expectant donors. The blank disappointment which met this declaration led to a suggestion. "I will take your gift, if you desire it;—but why not *sell it yourself* to some one who knows you, and who might pay you liberally if your wish to help the cause were known?" She saw the point at once, took back the ring, and will, we believe, be blessed in her effort to add a gift in MONEY to the Lord's treasury.

IT ADDED not a little to our zeal and courage to receive the good news that our ranks are strengthened by two new State organizations: INDIANA and SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

INDIANA.—President, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Michigan City; Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. S. Warburton, Indianapolis, and Mrs. C. J. Bigelow, Elkhart; Executive Committee, Mrs. Jennie Whitehead, Indianapolis, and Mrs. G. B. Safford, Elkhart; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne; Treasurer, Mrs. L. F. Perdue, Terre Haute. Mrs. A. K. Wray, Kokomo, was appointed delegate to the Saratoga Convention.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—Rev. Dr. Warren, of San Francisco, says that this Woman's Union starts off well. The society is bound to have money, for Mrs. E. Cash, Los Angeles, is President. It is bent on success, for Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, Pasadena, is Secretary. The money will be well kept, as the Treasurer is Mrs. Banks, Los Angeles. Further particulars concerning this Union will be given in a later number.

AN all-day meeting of the officers and delegates of the Woman's State Organizations, arranged and conducted by Mrs. C. H. Taintor, of Chicago, was held on Tuesday. The programme was packed with good

things. The papers read, and the discussions which followed, were of great practical benefit to all. The story of this delightful day will be published, that seekers after helpful suggestions may have the inspiring record. Those who wish to secure this pamphlet may apply to the secretaries of the State Organizations, or to Mrs. H. S. Caswell, 34 Bible House, New York City.

FROM A SPRINGFIELD, (MASS.), WOMAN: As I could not attend the Annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society at Saratoga, I will put the amount which I should have paid for my expenses into the collection for your Society next Sunday.

If it is the wish of any lady who contributed to Mrs. Pickett's work, at the Saratoga Meeting, that the contribution be placed to the credit of the Woman's Home Missionary Organization of her State, let her so notify Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Bible House, New York City.

It is a good suggestion, that hereafter the second Sabbath of June be observed by all Congregational Churches as a NATIONAL HOME MISSIONARY DAY.

As we go to press the good news comes that VERMONT has joined the ranks of Organized States for Home Missionary Work. Next month "The Vermont Woman's Home Missionary Union" will appear on our list. Mrs. A. B. Swift, Burlington, President; Mrs. Osgood, Montpelier, Secretary; and Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury, Treasurer.

Intense interest was manifested by the enthusiasm shared alike by those who have spoken and those who have listened, by those who have worked in the field and those who have labored at home, by those who have come fresh and eager from the far West, bringing the inspiration of their service and their sacrifice with them, and by those who have come to light the torches of their zeal at these fires of faith.—*The Christian Union*.

Appointments in May, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Bidwell, John B., Arlington, Neb.
Brown, Willard D., Interlachen, Fla.
Burgess, Edmund J., White Cloud, Mich.
De Puy, Wellington, Hopkins, Hopkins Station, and Brantley, Mich.
Falk, P. J., Hastings, Neb.
Harris, Benj., Frostburg, Ocean Mines and Allegany, Md.
Henry, Alex. J., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hunt, O. N., Athens, Sherwood and Leonidas, Mich.
Hurlbut, John E., Salt Lake City, Utah.
Lee, Joseph, Wakonda, So. Dak.
Loba, Victor E., Siloam Springs, Ark.
Ottman, Henry A., Salamanca, N. Y.
Pease, William P., Kleing City, Neb.
Seaver, Charles H., Junction City, Kan.
Striener, Alexander, Aitkin, Minn.
Troyer, Winfield D., Udall, Kan.
Wood, Samuel, Garden City, Kan.

Re-commissioned.

Ashman, Edward H., Denver, Colo.
Barber, Leman N., Turlock, Dallis and Hills Ferry, Cal.
Bente, Christopher H., East Rockaway, N. Y.
Bingham, Charles M., Daytona and Port Orange, Fla.
Brown, Henry C., Springfield, Mo.
Brunker, James, Rush Center, Kan.
Campbell, James, Fall City and out-stations, Cal.
Carruthers, William, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Cladin, George P., Dunlap, Kan.
Clarke, Almon T., Tavares, Fla.
Coffman, Arthur W., Denver, Colo.
Crane, Henry C., Omaha, Neb.
Crawford, Albert R., Lewis and Wadhams Mills, N. Y.
Crawford, Andrew K., West Point and out-stations, Cal.
Creasman, Abraham K., Wahoo, Neb.
Curham, James A., Mecosta and Mill Brook, Mich.
Curtis, Ethan, Syracuse, N. Y.
Daley, Charles M., Willow Lake and out-stations, So. Dak.
Davison, Joseph B., Ashtabula, Ohio.
Dean, Samuel C., South Bend, Neb.
Dinmore, Edward F., Little Shaeta, Central Saskatchewan and out-stations, Cal.
Edwards, Jonathan, Spokane Falls and Half Moon, Wash. Ter.
Fisher, William B., Louisville and Mt. Union, Kan.
Fisk, Perrin B., Altamonte, Lake Brantley and Altamonte Springs, Fla.
Foster, Festus, Wichita, Kan.
Garver, Leonard J., Olympia, Wash. Ter.
Gross, Alfred, Donakville, Ind. Ter.
Hines, Henry H., Hopkins, Ind. Ter.
Huestis, Chas. H., Bertrand, Neb.

Hughes, Isaac C., Ironton, Ohio.
Hughson, Simeon S., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Humphreys, John F., Remsen, N. Y.
Johnston, John B., St. Louis, Mo.
Jones, D. Sebastian, Lucas and Washington, Ohio.
Kerr, Robert, Wakefield, Kan.
Lange, John G., Cheyenne, Wyo.
Lewis, Thomas G., Neel, Neb.
Macdonald, John, Hydesville and Rohnerville, Cal.
McConaughy, Frank, North Yakima, Atahnam and out-stations, Wash. Ter.
McCraken, William, Sharpsburg, Penn.
Milligan, John A., Omaha, Neb.
Morse, Milton J., Carbondale and Ridgeway, Kan.
Nichols, Danforth B., La Grange Township, East Dakota River and Utica, So. Dak.
Norris, Thos. F., North Lawrence, Barker's Union and Kanwaka, Kan.
Osborn, Russell S., Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mt. Ayr, Kan.
Pearson, Thos. J., Strong City, Kan.
Peck, B. D., Madison, N. Y.
Philbrook, Chas. E., Sierra Valley, Sierraville, West Side, Beckwith and Hot Springs, Cal.
Pound, Edward H., Hermosa and Lower Battle Valley, So. Dak.
Reuth, Jacob, La Grange, Mo.
Rogers, William, San Juan, Cal.
Rose, William F., Port Gamble and Port Ludlow, Wash. Ter.
Schnacke, Leon C., Clay Center, Kan.
Scoville, Edgar E., Cleveland, Ohio.
Shannon, William H., Maple Rapids and East Fulton, Mich.
Shaw, George W., Ashton and Athol, So. Dak.
Sims, Thomas, Oriska, No. Dak.
Skinner, Edward, Osborne, Kan.
Smedley, Merlin T., Jennings, La.
Smith, L. Adams, Bird City, Cella and McNay's, Kan.
Stafford, Burnett T., Jacksonville, Fla.
Stickney, Edwin H., Harwood, Bethel and Caledonia, No. Dak.
Stokes, William T., Watertown, N. Y.
Stone, Rollin S., Chatham, N. J.
Stubbins, William H., Frankfort and out-stations, So. Dak.
Swab, E. Frank, St. Louis, Mo.
Taylor, Raynsford, Green Valley and out-stations, Cal.
Thing, Milo J. P., Omaha, Neb.
Thomas, Richard H., Galt, Cal.
Tubb, William H., Byron, Bethany and Marsh Creek, Cal.
Uzzell, Thomas A., Denver, Colo.
Vrooman, Frank B., Sycamore, Kan.
Webber, Edwin E., Mantorville, Minn.
Whitby, Henry J., Pittston, Penn.
Whitman, John S., Canfield, Ohio.
Woolman, William, Farnam, Neb.
Worden, Sylvanus A., Stockholm Depot, N. Y.

Receipts in May, 1888.

MAINE—\$167.50.

Bath, Central Ch., by F. S. Partridge.	\$50 00
Skowegan, Ladies' Miss. Soc., Cong. Ch., by Mrs. J. A. Colby.	15 50
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Yarmouth, A. H. Burbank, M. D.	50 00

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Keene, N. E. S.	10 00
Littleton, First Ch., special coll., by A. J. Church.	5 75

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Mr. and Mrs. Lovel Harris	10 00
Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler, for Children's Bohemian Fund	10 00
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Quincy, J. H. Wheble	25 58
Rehoboth, by F. A. Bliss, in full, to const. G. W. Bliss a L. M.	1 00
Sharon, Ready Workers Mission Band, special, by Miss Abbie C. Billings	15 00
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Miss Louisa Root, special	15 00
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Groton, by Rev. A. J. McLeod	50 00
Hampton, A Friend	43 75
Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., of which \$25 from Eliza T. Smith, for Debt, by C. E. Thompson	5 00
Huntington, The Widow's Mite, by Rev. A. J. Park	80 00
Madison, First Ch., by B. T. Dudley	2 00
Add'l, by B. T. Dudley	10 00
Manchester, North Ch., A Friend, by Rev. C. H. Barber	1 00
Middletown, Bethany Chapel S. S., for Children's Bohemian Fund, by O. H. Wells	10 00
Millbrook, by J. M. Grant	4 24
Millford, First, by N. D. Platt	10 00
New Haven, Ch. of the Redeemer, add'l, by J. P. Baldwin	260 00
Legacy of Miss Eliza Betts, by J. Church, Adm.	100 00
New London, from the Trust Estate of Henry P. Haven, by H. R. Bond	100 00
Norwalk, First Ch. in part, by E. C. Bissell	260 00
Norwich, Legacy of Eliza F. Fox, by C. P. Cogswell, Ex.	90 00
Plymouth, J. M. Wardwell	100 00
Thompsonville, Mrs. A. T. Allen	10 00
Unionville, First Ch. of Christ, by G. Dunham	4 40
Waterbury, M. A. Brooks	25 51
Woodstock, First, by H. T. Child	50 00
	29 80

NEW YORK—\$1,922.22.

Received by Rev. C. C. Creegan:	
Black River and St. Lawrence Assoc.	\$51 75
Morrisville	7 52
Utica, Plymouth Ch.	51 20
	110 77

Received by Rev. A. G. Upton:		
Black River and St. Lawrence Assoc.....	\$40 34	
Cortland.....	15 00	
North Pitcher.....	4 87	
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:		
Brooklyn, Ladies' Soc. Ch. of the Pilgrims, for Salary Fund.....	\$137 50	
Canandaigua.....	134 50	
Woodville, Ladies Aux.....	20 00	
Albany, First, by W. Gould, Jr.....	110 10	
Mrs. E. W. Murphy, special.....	5 00	
Mrs. Isaac Edwards, special.....	5 00	
Mrs. D. A. Thompson, special.....	5 00	
Astoria, Mrs. M. A. Douglass, to const. herself a L. M.....	50 00	
Brooklyn, Swedish Evan. Cong. Pilgrim Ch., by J. Westberg.....	6 25	
H. S. W., \$10; L. M. B., \$2.....	12 00	
Canandaigua, First, by E. G. Tyler, to const. Mrs. Isaphine P. Granger a L. M., and of which \$50 from Mr. C. W. Dixon to const. Miss Alice A. Jewett a L. M.....	100 00	
Chenango Forks, by Rev. J. F. Howard.....	8 00	
Columbus, by Rev. J. W. Keeler.....	10 00	
Elbridge, by A. B. Frazee.....	6 75	
Eldred, by Rev. H. P. Hamilton.....	5 00	
Ellington, by Rev. A. W. Taylor.....	4 00	
Henrietta, by Rev. A. W. H. Hodder.....	10 00	
Homer, B. W. Payne.....	10 00	
New Village and Farmingville, by Rev. F. A. Valentine.....	5 00	
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle Ch., L. C. Warner.....	300 00	
Mrs. C. R. Robert, by Miss Mary Kearney, \$64; W. Abbott, \$1; A. Friend, "Poor but Blessed", .50.....	65 50	
North Walton, by W. M. Hoyt.....	6 50	
Ogdensburg, First Ch., by S. W. Leonard.....	11 15	
Orient, Cong. S. S., by F. L. Young, in full, to const. Dea. M. E. Brown, a L. M.....	25 00	
Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmsted.....	12 50	
Parishville, by Rev. O. C. Barnes.....	2 00	
Patchogue, by F. Hammond.....	22 57	
Philadelphia, by Rev. A. S. Wood.....	20 00	
Siloam and Fairview, by Rev. E. Roberts.....	5 00	
South Hartford, by Rev. W. M. Gay.....	6 00	
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch., by H. C. Hemingway.....	51 63	
J. D. Cregan.....	1 10	
Walton, First, add'l, by G. W. Fitch.....	1 00	
Warsaw, by W. A. Walker.....	17 29	
Correction: Jamesport, Ch., by Rev. W. Hedges, \$6. Erroneously acknowledged in June.		
NEW JERSEY—\$634.60.		
Closter, Cong. S. S., by Rev. G. W. Plack.....	9 15	
East Orange, Trinity Ch., add'l, by R. D. Weeks, in full, to const. Mrs. Sarah R. Halsey, H. R. Halsey, Miss Anna P. Halsey, Miss Carrie S. Mellick, E. Greene, O. H. Bowers, Miss Laura H. Bowers and Miss Sarah R. Adams L. M.....	16 00	
Montclair, Woman's H. M. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. J. J. Cooper, Treas., for Salary Fund.....	250 00	
Newfield, by Rev. C. Willey.....	10 00	
Orange Valley, by J. Bell.....	149 45	
Roselle, A Friend, for Woman's Dept. Summit, A member of the Central Presb. Ch.....	50 00	
PENNSYLVANIA—\$31.08.		
Carbondale, by Rev. D. L. Davis.....	5 00	
Curtisville, A Friend.....	5 00	
Ebensburgh, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Rev. G. Hill.....	8 00	
Harford, by Rev. C. C. Cregan.....	2 70	
Nanticoke, by Rev. J. G. Evans.....	5 00	
Riceville, Young Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. Westcott.....	3 00	
Spring Creek and West Spring Creek, by Rev. F. W. Westphal.....	2 38	
MARYLAND—\$6.00.		
Frostburg, by H. B. Richards.....	6 00	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$40.34.		
Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of the First Ch., by Miss Lizzie Patterson, for Salary Fund, \$35; for freight, \$2.....	27 00	
First Ch., by S. H. Galpin.....	13 34	
WEST VIRGINIA—\$485.05, Legacy.		
Pennsboro, From the estate of Mrs. Lucy H. Kimball, by M. P. Kimball.....	485 05	
LOUISIANA—\$10.60.		
Jennings, by Rev. M. T. Smedley.....	10 60	
FLORIDA—\$59.35.		
Ft. Meade, \$11.25; So. Lake Weir, \$17.10, by Rev. M. Noble.....	28 35	
Lake Worth and Malabar, \$9.75; Rev. A. B. Dilley, \$5.25, by Rev. A. B. Dilley.....	15 00	
Phillips, by Rev. F. P. Bachelor.....	6 00	
Winter Park, Cong. S. S., for Children's Bohemian Fund, by A. H. Barrows.....	10 00	
TEXAS—\$6.85.		
Paris, by H. S. Bettes.....	6 85	
INDIAN TERRITORY—\$18.30.		
Hopkins, by Rev. H. H. Hines.....	4 00	
McAllister, Caddo and Lehigh, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.....	5 00	
Vinita, Prof. J. McCarthy.....	5 55	
By Rev. N. M. Wheat.....	3 75	
ARIZONA—\$35.05.		
Benson, by Rev. R. T. Liston.....	35 05	
TENNESSEE—\$35.25.		
Knoxville, by Rev. J. H. Frazee.....	30 50	
Soddy, by Rev. L. Morgan.....	4 75	
OHIO—\$571.41, of which Legacy \$50.70.		
Received by Rev. J. G. Frazer, Ohio, in April:		
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	\$16 00	
Lenox, by G. Hyde.....	3 50	
Madison, Central Ch., by L. H. Kimball.....	26 65	
Marblehead, by Miss E. Malory.....	5 15	
In May:		
Burton, by Rev. W. B. Marsh.....	\$34 29	
Cleveland, First.....	5 00	
Plymouth Ch., by S. P. Churchill.....	54 64	
South Welsh, by Rev. E. R. Bowen.....	10 00	
A Friend.....	200 00	
Cuyahoga Falls, by C. Clark.....	8 22	
Lexington, by G. Miller.....	12 00	
Medina, A Friend.....	5 00	
West Andover, by H. Holcomb.....	2 63	
Zanesville, by E. H. Farquhar, Jr.....	15 18	
		347 08

Received in March by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:			Thayer and Curry, by Rev. E. S. Curry.....	2 06
Cleveland, First Ch.....		\$25 00	MICHIGAN—\$1,168.41.	
First Ch., S. S.....		15 00	Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Jennings Avenue Ch.....		10 00	Almira.....	\$5 28
Euclid Avenue Ch.....		31 75	Alpena.....	54 12
Penfield, S. S.....		1 70	Benton Harbor.....	10 00
Centerville, Penn. S. S.....		3 19	Carson City.....	5 80
Guy's Mills, Penn. S. S.....		3 50	Clinton.....	19 00
Riceville, Penn. S. S.....		1 00	East Tawas.....	2 71
Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:			Flint City.....	3 00
Cincinnati, Walnut Hills Ch.....		\$14 27	Grand Rapids, South Ch.....	9 50
W. M. Soc.....		21 00	Grass Lake.....	40 05
Elyria, Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch.....		3 33	Hubbardston.....	5 00
Hudson, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		3 00	Lexington, C. S. Nims.....	19 51
Medina, First Ch., Girls' Mission Band.....		8 06	Litchfield.....	33 45
Rootstown, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....			Ludington.....	
Berlin Heights, S. S., by D. Stahl.....		49 66	Owosso, Young People's No. Star Mission.....	3 54
Cleveland, On account of Legacy of Elisha Taylor, by J. W. Taylor, Ex.....		10 00	Port Huron, Ch., \$90; S. S., \$60.....	120 00
Collinwood, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen.....		60 70	Tawas City.....	3 55
Findlay, by Rev. G. J. Jones.....		10 75	Three Oaks.....	70 50
Lucas, \$7; Washington, \$5; D. S. Jones, \$3, 1/2; Rev. D. S. Jones.....		25 00	Union City, Dea. I. W. Clark.....	100 00
Nelson, Mrs. A. O. Beardsley.....		15 00	Wacousta, Hannah Wood, \$10; Dea. Oscar Hart, \$10.....	20 00
Oberlin, A. Friend.....		40		
INDIANA—\$43.50.		80	Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Fremont, by Rev. J. R. Preston.....		29 50	Lansing, Mrs. Leroy Warren.....	22 00
Hammond, by Rev. W. W. Lineberry.....		4 00	Cheboygan, W. H. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	7 25
Hobart and Hebron, by Rev. D. W. Andrews.....		10 00	Webster.....	6 50
ILLINOIS—\$74.70.			Saginaw Conference:	
Received by Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:			Alpena.....	\$32 25
Elgin, Woman's H. M. U.....		14 00	Blackmar.....	1 10
Chicago, J. Mabbs.....		5 00	Munger.....	4 27
Geneseo, Ladies' M. S. Soc., by Mrs. A. H. Manington.....		50 70	Tawas.....	4 30
Oglethorpe, T. T. Bent.....		5 00	East Saginaw.....	41 81
MISSOURI—\$167.83.				85 78
Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:			St. Johns, Mrs. Eeler.....	1 00
Bevier, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		\$1 00	Greenville.....	14 48
Hannibal, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		1 00	Reed City.....	8 00
Honey Creek, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		1 00	Rondo, W. H. M. S., \$5.00; Beacon Fund, \$1.40.....	7 00
Junction City, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		1 00	Nashville, W. H. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	2 57
Joplin, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		1 00		\$152 63
Kansas City, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Clyde Ch.....		7 91	North Star Mission:	
Meadville, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....		1 00	Mrs. Lane's Grand-children.....	30
St. Louis, Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch.....		39 00	Pierport, five Sunday-school pupils.....	50
Young People's Miss. Soc. First Ch.....		5 00	South Emmett, Sunday-school.....	2 00
Springfield, The Children of the King, First Ch.....		8 00	Greenville, Sunday-school.....	12 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Central Ch.....		10 00	White Cloud, Sunday-school.....	3 40
Bevier, Ch., \$11; Meadville, W. H. M. Soc. \$7, by C. J. Sage.....		78 91	Ada, First Ch. Sunday-school.....	2 00
Cameron, by Rev. F. A. Bissell.....		2 50	Hersey, Sunday-school.....	1 80
Eldon, by J. Vetter.....		4 00	Lansing, Sunday-school, \$15.50; Infant class, \$1.90.....	17 40
Hannibal, by Rev. R. J. Mathews.....		22 10	Reed City, The Cheerful Workers, \$2.50; Sunday-school, \$10.....	12 50
Hannibal, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe (\$17.20 erroneously acknowledged in May.).....		10 77	Watervliet, Union Sunday-school, \$3.80; Stickney School-house Sunday school, 80c.....	9 60
Iberia and Unity, by Rev. R. T. Marlow.....		10 50	St. Johns, Sunday school.....	15 00
Mine La Motte, by Rev. J. B. Johnston.....		9 00	Chelsea, Sunday-school.....	4 05
St. Louis, by Rev. G. M. Sanborne.....		10 00	Augusta, Sunday-school, add'l.....	80
			Ashley, Sunday-school.....	1 10
				\$31 95
			Additional:	
			Charlevoix, Ladies of the Church.....	7 00
			East Saginaw.....	7 25
			Essexville.....	3 80
			St. Johns.....	10 00
			Traverse City, Mite Boxes.....	5 00
			Union City.....	20 00
				\$58 05

North Star Mission:	
Benton Harbor, S. S.	5 50
Calumet, S. S.	33 10
Covert, S. S.	50
Detroit, Ft. Wayne S. S.	3 00
Thompson Avenue S. S.	1 30
Payette, Delta S. S.	3 50
Filer, Ch. Mite Boxes	6 38
Greenville, S. S., add'l.	1 45
Lake Linden, S. S.	2 10
Manistee, Mrs. Fairfield's Bible Class, \$37; S. S., \$22.30	59 30
Olivet, Friends, add'l.	2 75
Rochester, S. S.	8 50
Sugar Island, S. S.	1 00
Traverse City, Y. P. S.	5 00
C. E.	
	\$133 38
Ada and East Paris, by Rev. W. Wilcox	186 41
Addison, by Rev. J. H. Cooper	8 24
Augusta, by Rev. J. D. Shultz	10 00
Bangor, by Rev. A. B. Cochran	6 88
Chase, by Rev. J. Nicol	3 00
Chesaning, by Rev. W. H. Millar	9 00
Edmore, by Rev. A. Marsh	5 00
Essexville and Mungers, by Rev. W. D. King	3 00
Fruitport, \$11; Nunica, 73c; J. H. Dole, \$5, by Rev. J. H. Dole	3 00
Glen Arbor, \$2.48; Maple City, \$1.87; Solon, \$4.47, by Rev. A. Metcalf	16 73
Grand Junction, by Rev. E. I. Ayer	8 82
Mancelona and Westwood, by Rev. B. J. Baxter	9 97
Maybee and Raisinville, by Rev. J. R. Mason	11 65
Mecosta and Milbrook, by Rev. J. A. Curham	5 00
Onondaga, by Rev. P. M. Cripe	1 75
Orion, by Rev. A. C. Webster	6 00
Perry, by Rev. O. C. Bailey	20 00
Red Jacket, by Rev. H. Kingman	5 00
Rondo and Wolverine, by Rev. M. W. Tuck	27 30
Rosedale, by Rev. J. W. Holt	3 15
Tipton, Franklin Ch., by Rev. H. A. Putnam	5 00
Traverse City, First, by J. G. Johnson	4 00
	32 37
WISCONSIN—\$12.52.	
Received by Rev. G. A. Hood:	
Tomahawk	\$2 00
Washburn	38 52
Peshtigo, by Rev. T. W. Spanswick	2 00
IOWA—\$3.00.	
Aurelia, Mattie B. Marble	\$3 00
MINNESOTA—\$386.97	
Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
By Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Austin	\$7 70
Detroit, Special	5 00
Duluth	35 00
Excelsior	3 56
Fairmont	11 00
Fanlovet, Mrs. Shoutz	5 00
Hamilton	10 06
Lamberton	2 65
Marshall	5 00
Minneapolis, First	40 00
Second	14 00
Plymouth	38 00
Y. L. M. S.	22 00
Lady	12 00
Vine, Children's Miss. Band	2 52
Como Avenue	10 00
Lyndale, Special	20 00
Union, Special	20 00
Open Door, Special	5 00
Monticello	11 50
Northfield	40 00
Villard	2 75
Walnut Grove	2 75
Waseca	18 26
	\$343 69
Received by Rev. D. Magnus:	
Harris, 25c.; Cannon Falls, \$1.36; Elim, \$2; Cambridge, \$3; Maple Ridge, \$1; Clear Lake, \$3	10 61
Received by Rev. J. Earl, Chs. and Individuals	
Barnesville, by Rev. J. W. Todd	153 58
Claremont and Dodge Center, by Rev. F. S. Van Eps	4 00
Grand Meadow, by Rev. H. J. Colwell	10 70
Granite Falls, by Rev. L. W. Chaney	13 50
Hamilton, by E. F. Engle	17 31
Lakeland, by Rev. J. Chandler	17 65
Mentor, by Rev. W. W. McArthur	2 50
Minneapolis, Como Ave. Ch., by Rev. H. W. Gleason	12 50
Princeton, by Rev. A. J. Hayner	15 00
Sherburne, by Rev. R. L. D. Preston	2 16
Silver Lake, by Rev. G. S. Bascom	5 00
Spring Valley, Cong. S. S., by W. W. Williams	11 10
Stephen, by Rev. W. Steele	2 67
Stillwater, by Rev. J. W. Carlson	5 00
Wadena, \$36; Verndale, \$10, by Rev. C. B. Fellows	4 00
Waterville and Morristown, by Rev. F. Wrigley	46 00
	10 00
KANSAS—\$212.63.	
Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty,	
Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Kansas Woman's H. M. Soc.	\$35 00
Eureka, First	10 00
	\$45 00
Alma, by Rev. W. C. Wheeler	6 00
Bloomington, by Rev. F. G. McHenry	7 00
Blue Rapids, by Rev. W. M. Brown	7 61
Chadron and Flag Butte, by Rev. G. J. Powell	14 00
Chapman, Detroit and Enterprise, by Rev. J. H. Strong	17 25
Dover and Wakarusa, by Rev. L. M. Platt	2 00
Downs, by Rev. O. A. Palmer	4 25
Hiawatha, by Rev. J. B. Richardson	15 86
Kirwin and Liberty, by Rev. R. F. Markham	1 80
Linwood and Lenape, by Rev. J. W. Spring	2 50
Muscotah, \$20; Netawaka, \$1, by Rev. R. W. Harlow	21 00
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris	6 00
Onelda, by Rev. G. H. Perry	3 00
Parsons, by Rev. C. L. McKesson	22 50
Pomona, by Rev. L. Newcomb	3 00
Rotat, Gritzland and Sunnyside, by Rev. D. H. Minick	5 33
Scatter Creek, W. M. Soc., \$5; Scatter Creek Ch., \$6.81; Center Ridge, \$1.54 by Rev. J. Wilde	13 35
Severy, \$6.53; Western Park, \$5.35, by Rev. J. Cooper	11 88
Wabauunsee, First Ch. of Christ, by Rev. J. F. Willard	2 00
Wichita, by Rev. F. Foster	2 00
NEBRASKA—\$407.32.	
Received by Rev. J. L. Malle:	
Bertrand, by W. O. Axtell	\$10 00
Blyville, by Dea. J. A. Baker	8 60
Clarks, by Dea. L. P. Hawley	5 61
Friend, by Rev. W. E. Davidson	5 00
Omaha, St. Mary's Ave. Ch., by E. A. Mills	100 00
Silver Creek, by A. E. Robbins	4 68
Steele City, by Rev. H. J. Macomber	4 76
Sutton, German Ch., by W. Ruter	5 00
	143 65

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.	
Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Camp Creek.....	\$2 00
Columbus.....	3 00
Exeter.....	9 00
Fairmont, Juveniles.....	20 00
Kearney.....	20 00
Lincoln, First.....	31 00
Milford.....	7 05
Monroe.....	2 00
Omaha, Plymouth.....	8 00
Syracuse.....	10 00
Talmage.....	5 00
Weeping Water.....	7 00
West Hamilton.....	5 00

\$129 05

Beatrice, by E. H. Ashman.....	272 70
Dustin and Richmond, by Rev. E. H. Libby.....	79 00
Freewater, by Rev. J. W. Hadden.....	18 00
Friend and Grafton, by Rev. J. Lich.....	9 25
Glenrock, by Rev. H. Bross.....	8 87
Omaha, by Rev. J. H. Milligan.....	3 50
Strang and Shickley, by Rev. C. H. Eaton.....	6 00
Stratton and Trenton, by Rev. G. W. Rich.....	5 00
	5 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$12.22.

Received by Rev. C. A. Mack:	
Sanborn, Chs. and Individuals.....	12 22

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$97.62.

Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Esmond, W. M. S.....	\$1 00
Iroquois, W. M. S.....	4 00
Lake Preston, W. M. S.....	2 25
Oahe, Shiloh Ch.....	1 00
Canton, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. C. G. Black.....	8 25
Clark, by Rev. L. Kingsbury.....	5 90
Eden, by Rev. R. Norton.....	3 00
Elk Point, by Rev. L. P. Sabin.....	9 00
Faulkton, by Rev. H. D. Wiard.....	7 50
La Grange Township, by Rev. D. B. Nichols.....	16 75
Letcher and Firesteel, by Rev. L. E. Ebanfield.....	2 00
Milbank, by Rev. R. H. Battey.....	5 00
Salem, T. Bayne.....	22 00
Valley Springs, by Rev. W. H. Watson.....	1 00
	17 22

COLORADO—\$23.75.

Denver, Second, by Rev. W. D. Westervelt.....	16 25
By Rev. A. W. Coffman.....	2 50
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan.....	5 00

WYOMING—\$4.75.

Big Horn, Becton and Sheridan, by Rev. S. J. Jennings.....	4 75
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MONTANA—\$25.00.

Helena, First Ch., by T. E. Goodwin.....	25 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$317.20.

Received by Rev. J. T. Ford:	
Riverside Gen. Assoc.....	\$36 20
San Bernardino.....	53 60
Clayton and Pacheco, by Rev. J. H. Strong.....	80 00
Los Angeles, by Rev. E. S. Williams.....	1 35
Lugonia, First, by C. H. Lathrop.....	25 00
Murphys, by Rev. H. Chapman.....	22 00
Oakland, by Rev. W. H. Cooke.....	3 00
Pasadena, Mrs. S. J. Eldridge.....	5 00
Pescadero and Fairview, by Rev. D. F.	160 00

Taylor.....	15 00
San Bernardino, Highlands S. S., by G. E. Alpin.....	2 30
San Diego, by Rev. A. E. White.....	3 55

OREGON—\$3.00.

Received by Rev. G. H. Atkinson:	
Beaver Creek, T. Thomas.....	\$2 00
Oswego, Dea. O. Eaton.....	1 00
	3 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$30.15.

Atahnam, by T. C. Elliott.....	14 75
Colfax, Plymouth Ch., by Miss M. Perkins.....	14 50
Endicott, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson.....	10 50
Pine Valley and Lyle, by Rev. W. H. Henneck.....	1 00
Union Ridge and La Center, by Rev. F. H. Fruht.....	19 40

CHINA—\$5.

Fanchow, Shansi, Rev. J. B. Thompson.....	5 00
HOME MISSIONARY.....	148 15

\$14,473 85

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Bristol, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. through The Woman's Congregational Home Missionary Union of Conn., by Mrs. N. L. Brewster, box.....	\$40 60
Franklin, N. H., Mission Circle, by E. J. Gilchrist, box, cash and freight.....	43 67
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., through The Woman's Congl. Home Missionary Union of Conn., by Miss Emma Bunce, two barrels.....	146 00
Ladies' Sewing Soc. of South Ch., through The Woman's Congl. H. M. Union of Conn., by Mrs. Charles H. Smith, box.....	158 63
Kansas City, Mo., First Ch., by Mrs. C. S. Rood, barrel.....	135 00
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc. of United Ch., by Louise H. De Forest, box and freight.....	160 91
New York City, State Charities Aid Assoc., by Burrall Hoffman, box.....	
Rochester, Vt., box.....	
Stratford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Bunnell, box.....	
Warsaw, N. Y., M. D. Jenks, box.....	89 27

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society from January 1 to March 31, 1898.
L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Amherst.....	\$5 00
Boscawen.....	9 47
Bedford.....	13 54
Bethlehem, Mrs. E. P. Brown.....	1 00
Brentwood.....	5 00
Bryn Mawr, Penn., Mrs. L. F. Bouton.....	5 00
Campton.....	11 00
Concord, South Ch., to const. Rev. H. P. Dewey and Dea. Frank Coffin L. Ms.....	137 00
A Friend, for A. H. M. S., \$300; A Friend, for A. H. M. S., \$4.....	\$04 00
Derry, East.....	2 08
First Congl.....	80 00
Farmington, First.....	15 85
Gilmanston.....	16 11
Gilsum.....	4 47

Greenville.....	3 00
Great Falls.....	25 00
Groveland, Mass., Legacy of Abigail Parker.....	50 00
Hampton, for A. H. M. S.....	7 50
Hampstead, for A. H. M. S.....	18 00
Haverhill, for A. H. M. S., to const. Rev. E. W. Stoddard L. M.....	37 50
Henriker, S. S. Class of Zepha Barnes, Mite Box coll.....	8 00
Hooksett.....	5 47
Keene, Balance of Legacy of Ezra Livermore.....	40 00
Second, Sunday-school.....	48 50
Lisbon.....	7 63
Manchester, Hanover St.....	77 28
Mason, Mrs. P. W. Wilson, for A. H. M. S.....	4 00
Meredith Village.....	50 00
New Ipswich.....	6 75
Newport.....	65 77
Northwood.....	20 78
Pembroke, Widow's Mite, \$2; Ch. and Soc., \$79.56.....	81 56
Penacook.....	13 78
Peterborough, for A. H. M. S.....	40 00
Plaistow and No. Haverhill, Mrs. Eliza W. Merrill.....	25 00
Plymouth.....	7 45
Portsmouth, North Ch. and Soc.....	150 55
Temple, Sunday-school, for A. H. M. S.....	11 34
Union.....	11 00
Weare, Legacy of Robert S. Fifield.....	13 75
Walpole.....	14 40
Warner.....	8 52
Wolboro, Interest on Trust Fund of Nancy H. Lord.....	4 00
Wolboro.....	23 20
New Hampshire Cent. Soc.....	308 66

\$1,662 22

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in May, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Acton, West, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Brown, for A. H. M. S.....	\$5 00
A Friend.....	10 00
Amherst, College, by W. C. Esty.....	25 00
Second, by H. Sabin.....	8 17
Ashburnham, First, by M. M. Stowe.....	34 15
Boston, "B. & L.".....	5 00
Boylston, by F. J. Leighton, special.....	66 61
Dorchester, A Friend, "B." Thank-offering.....	5 00
Charlestown, Winthrop, S. S., by Geo. S. Cole, for French Prot. Coll.....	15 00
Old South, by Geo. R. Chapman.....	810 00
Roxbury, A Friend.....	5 00
West, South, Evan., by J. H. Guild, Braintree, Sarah H. Thayer, for bell for Ch. in Kansas.....	5 00
Bridgewater, Scotland, by Mrs. S. O. Keith.....	22 50
Brockton, Campello, by E. B. Estes, to const. Mrs. Ella L. Washburn and Mrs. Jennie Owens, L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Brookfield, special for "Le Semeurs.".....	50 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. L. G. Case, to const. Mrs. R. V. Rugg, L. M. of A. H. M. S. Chesterfield, by Rev. Elihu Loomis, add'l.....	50 00
Cohasset, Beechwood, by Rev. Geo. O. Jenness.....	3 27
Concord, Trin. by T. Todd.....	35 74
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.....	1 36
Dartmouth, South, Ladies' Cent. Society, by Mrs. E. G. Gifford.....	5 00
Deerfield, South, by C. A. Stowell, with prev. gifts to const. Rev. John Cowan	

and Miss Helen E. Tilton, L. Ms.....	50 96
Erving, by Rev. Ira A. Smith.....	8 00
Foxboro, by Horace Carpenter.....	50 00
Y. P. S. C. E., by Horace Carpenter.....	10 00
Grafton, Evan., by Geo. K. Nichols.....	69 94
Greenwich, Ladies' H. Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. P. Blodgett.....	30 42
Holland, William H. Harris.....	5 00
Hampden, Benev. Association, by Charles Marsh, Treas.....	
Holyoke, Second.....	\$150 00
Westfield, First.....	5 60
Second.....	170 02
Hyde Park, First, by J. Ellery Piper.....	225 62
Lancaster, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by M. A. Albee.....	119 22
Lawrence, Lawrence St., Miss P. A. Mills.....	10 00
Trinity, S. S., by W. H. Gile, for Iroquois, Dak., parsonage.....	5 00
Littleton, by J. F. Houghton.....	20 00
Lynnfield, South, Second, by Rev. H. L. Brickett.....	46 50
Mass., A Friend, J. F. R., to be given to largest needs.....	5 00
Medford, Mystic, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss Kate E. Harlan.....	100 00
Middleboro, Miss Eliza Eddy, by Thomas Weston, Jr.....	20 00
New London, Conn., Trust Est. of N.P. Haven, for "Le Semeur".....	5 00
New Salem, by Rev. A. R. Plummer, add'l. to thank-offering for R. M. Taft's work.....	1 00
Newton Center, Trust gift from Est. of Miss Rebecca P. Ward, by E. W. Kingsbury.....	50 00
Mrs. Horace Cousens and Miss Cousens, for French College.....	10 00
Northbridge, First, by J. W. Morse.....	16 00
Plainville, by Rev. H. H. Osgood, thank-offering for Rev. R. M. Taft's work.....	5 50
Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	25 00
Somerville, East, Franklin St., by Alpheus Bowers.....	46 54
Sterling, S. S. Class, by Emma A. Wilder.....	2 00
Taunton, Winslow, by Edgar H. Reed, to const. Rev. Geo. H. Reed, L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	76 47
Wakefield, by M. J. Hill, for A. H. M. S. Wellesley, by D. S. Short.....	75 00
Weethampton, by A. D. Montague.....	111 57
Whitman, Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss J. L. Faunce.....	38 62
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan.....	15 50
Woonsocket, R. L. Mrs. Percival Williams, by Rev. L. M. Pierce.....	170 00
Worcester, Park, by C. S. Knight.....	1 00
South, Conference, by A. Armsby.....	6 00
	20 84
	\$2,962 49
Home Missionary.....	1 20
	\$2,963 69

Donations of clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society in May.

Dalton, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Miss Clara L. Crane, barrel, half-barrel and freight.....	\$121 54
Gloucester, J. J. Pew, wearing apparel, unappraised.....	
Hyde Park, Woman's H. M. Union, by Mrs. D. W. Lewis, barrel.....	50 00
Lowell, Kirk St., Y. P. S. C. E., by Kate E. Johnson, barrel and freight.....	62 62
Worcester, Central, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. L. Sumner, barrel and freight.....	107 70
Worcester, Union, Young Woman's Association, by Mrs. Frank E. Kimball, barrel and freight.....	52 00
	\$398 86

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in May, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Branford, by Rev. Henry P. Bake, of which H. G. Harrison and H. P. Bake contributed \$10 each.....	\$39 94
Cheshire, by A. C. Peck.....	13 25
Hartford, Pearl Street, by Dea. G. M. Welch.....	40 42
Newington, by H. M. Robbins.....	18 30
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles.....	28 20
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman, quarterly.....	37 00
Orange, West Haven, by Wm. H. Tallmadge.....	44 95
Plainfield, by R. Ensworth, annual.....	18 56
Plymouth, George Langdon, personal.....	50 00
Prospect, by Rev. Wm. H. Phipps.....	11 25
Thomaston, by P. Darrow.....	15 68
Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard.....	72 31
Winchester, West Winsted, by John Hinsdale, add'l.....	9 62
Woman's Cong'l Home Missionary Union of Ct., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec'y.....	150 00
	\$449 48

Boxes.

Westport, Saugatuck, Beneficent Society, box, value.....	75 00
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ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in April and May, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.*

Atkinson.....	\$10 60
Bureau, in support of services.....	9 58
Champaign.....	40 68
Chebanec, Y. P. S. C. E.....	5 38
Cheltenham, Mrs. Dolly A. Ferris, special.....	1 00
Special.....	4 40
Chicago, First.....	134 49
Plymouth, Ladies' Aid Soc.....	100 00
Cragin.....	8 50
De Pue, in support of services.....	33 50
Dongola, in support of services.....	95 05
Downer's Grove, "S.".....	5 00
Dwight.....	5 10
Earlville, J. A. D.....	50 00
Evanston, First (for Evangelist's Tent).....	175 00
Forrest.....	21 59
Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ, special.....	26 00
Granville, Y. P. Miss. Soc.....	15 00
Stephen Harrison.....	50 00
Greenville, Hyacinth Mission Circle.....	91
Hyacinth Mission Cir., Children's Bohemian Fund.....	2 49
Hermosa.....	1 50
Hinsdale.....	10 00
Woman's Miss. Soc.....	13 00
Mrs. Sarah L. Kennedy.....	100 00
La Harpe, W. H. M. Union.....	8 25
Lockport.....	14 25
Lombard, \$3.50; Isaac Claflin, special, \$5.....	8 50
Lyndon.....	25 00
Lyonsville, \$8.75; S. S., \$5.87.....	14 62
Mareilles, special.....	42 00
Melvin, Ladies' Soc.....	10 00
Naperville, R. H. Dickinson.....	25 00
New Grand Chain.....	2 50
Oak Park, Ladies' Benev. Soc.....	25 50
Oglesby, T. T. Bent.....	5 00
Olney.....	14 00
Ottawa, Ladies' H. M. Soc.....	18 30
Plan, special.....	8 80
Prospect Park, I. Lewellyn Lloyd.....	1 00
Quincy, First Union.....	185 90
Ridge Prairie.....	2 50

Rockford, First, Ladies' Soc., for Bobe work.....	
Second, Ladies' Soc.....	16
Rosemond.....	
Sandoval, special.....	1
Seward, Kendall Co.....	7
Shabbona.....	
Somonauk, Ladies' Soc.....	1
South Chicago, for the Debt.....	1
South Danville, special.....	1
St. Charles.....	2
Stillman Valley, Y. P. S. C. E.....	
Toulon, W. H. M. U.....	2
Ullin.....	
Viola, Widow's Mite, for Egyptian Fund.....	
Washington Heights, Bethany Union, Mrs. Mary F. Howe, \$2; Mr. Edward Y. Howe, \$3.....	
Winnebago, special.....	1
Yorkville, Bristol Ch.....	1
Mrs. Edw. P. Keyes, Newbury, Vt.....	1
Chicago Sem., Soc. of Inquiry.....	2
Rev. R. W. Purdue, special.....	1,00
Rev. A. Ethridge, special.....	
Pre-payment of bequest of Dwight Needham, Peoria.....	11
Rev. W. A. Nichols, Lake Forest.....	11
A Friend, special.....	
Bureau Ass'n for De Pue Mission.....	
	\$2,92

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY*Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society April. J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.*

Alden, S. S., \$5; Woman's Society, \$6.35.....	1
Algona, Woman's Soc.....	2
Allison.....	
Alwa.....	1
Ames, S. S.....	1
Andover, Mass., Rev. A. W. Archibald.....	4
Anamosa, \$40; Woman's Society, \$4.20.....	
Atlantic, \$110.75; Woman's Society, \$30; S. S. \$16.25.....	14
Beacon.....	3
Bear Grove.....	1
Bellevue, Woman's Soc., \$4.50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$3.23.....	1
Bentonsport.....	
Big Rock.....	2
Cass.....	
Castana.....	3
Cedar Falls.....	
Cedar Rapids, Woman's Society, \$40; Rev. C. A. Towle, \$5.....	4
Center.....	
Charles City, \$81; Woman's Soc., \$5; S. S., \$25.....	9
Cherokee, Friends.....	1
Clay, \$9.25; Woman's Soc., \$7.35.....	6
Clinton.....	
Correctionville.....	4
Creston.....	1
Danville.....	
Davenport, German.....	
Denmark, \$40; Woman's Soc., \$8; Friends, \$6; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5.....	5
Des Moines, North Park, \$4.50; Woman's Soc., \$25.....	2
Des Moines, Plymouth, \$46.25; Woman's Soc., \$57.17; S. S., \$50.....	15
Dubuque, \$43.88; Woman's Soc., \$16.....	5
Durant, \$7.50; Woman's Soc., \$3; Friends, \$5.....	11
Eagle Grove.....	10
Earlville.....	4
Eddyville.....	1
Eldon.....	3
Eldora, Woman's Soc., \$15 46; S. S., \$5; Friends, \$7 50.....	2
Elliot, \$45; Friends, \$5.....	5
Ellsworth.....	1
Excelsior.....	2

Farmington.....	3 00
Farragut.....	42 25
Fairfield, Woman's Soc., \$4.25; S. S., \$6; Friends, \$30.....	30 25
Fayette.....	6 00
Fontainebleau.....	102 58
Garden Prairie, \$5; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	10 00
Given.....	25 00
Gowrie.....	20 87
Green Mountain.....	13 70
Grinnell, Woman's Soc.....	75 85
Friends.....	44 00
Hampton, S. S.....	20 00
Harian, \$41.43; Woman's Soc., \$4.25; S. S., \$1.35.....	47 04
Hastings, a Friend.....	14 58
Hawarden.....	85 00
Hull, \$19.32; Woman's Soc., \$4.....	16 33
Humboldt, L. Winne.....	50 00
Iowa City, \$52.90; Woman's Soc., \$50.....	102 30
Independence, Friends.....	5 00
Jefferson, A Friend.....	10 00
Kellogg.....	19 11
Leokut, \$147.88; Woman's Society, \$28.....	165 88
Kecoaqua.....	40 00
Kirkville.....	3 00
Knoxville, A Friend.....	2 00
Lamotte.....	5 66
Lamotte, Alex. M. C. Dole.....	100 00
Lansing, \$4.25; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	11 25
Lansing Ridge, Woman's Soc.....	5 00
Le Mars, \$90; Woman's Soc., \$5.30; S. S., \$10; Rev. N. L. Burton, \$10.....	85 20
Lewis, \$46.01; Woman's Soc., \$6; S. S., \$5.....	57 00
Long Creek.....	35 50
Lyons, \$77.80; S. S., \$10.....	87 30
Magnolia, \$8; Woman's Soc., \$2.60; S. S., \$5.....	15 60
Manson.....	18 50
Maquoketa.....	46 35
Manchester, Woman's Soc.....	10 00
Marion.....	61 00
Mason City, \$26; Woman's Soc., \$3.....	29 00
Midland, \$2.17; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	7 17
Miles.....	30 00
McGregor, Woman's Soc.....	10 00
Mitchellville.....	10 00
Monticello, \$40; Woman's Soc., \$25.....	65 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	8 52
New Providence.....	5 00
New York.....	8 80
Oakland.....	6 00
Orden.....	5 00
Old Man's Creek.....	57 21
Orient, \$1; A Friend, \$5.....	6 00
Oskaloosa, \$98.50; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	101 50
Osage, Woman's Soc., \$4.50; S. S., \$26.65.....	31 15
Ottumwa, First.....	186 50
Second.....	16 05
Perdial.....	6 50

Pleasant Grove.....	7 51
Polk City.....	10 38
Postville, Woman's Soc.....	15 00
Rock Rapids.....	16 73
Red Oak, Friends.....	38 60
Rockford, Woman's Soc., \$1.80; Friends, \$7.....	8 80
Rockwell.....	40 05
Sargeant's Bluffs.....	5 95
Sheldon, \$5; Woman's Soc., \$2.....	7 00
Sherrill's Mound, \$8.50; Woman's Soc., \$4.30.....	12 80
Sherwood.....	22 00
Salem, Woman's Soc.....	12 00
Silver Creek, \$13.55; A Friend, \$2.98.....	16 53
Sioux City, First.....	168 23
Mayflower.....	5 00
Sioux Rapids.....	13 90
Sloan.....	7 72
Soldier River.....	1 50
Spencer, \$50; S. S., \$10; A Friend, \$5.....	65 00
Storm Lake, \$51.03; Woman's Soc., \$10; S. S., \$10.50.....	71 53
Tabor.....	157 93
Woman's Soc., \$5; S. S., \$2.32.....	7 23
Tipton, Y. P. S. C. E.....	12 00
Traer, \$9.16; Woman's Soc., \$30.....	29 16
Van Cleve.....	14 75
Washta.....	2 98
Waterloo, Friends.....	2 00
Waucoma, \$26; Woman's Soc., \$18.....	42 00
Webster City, \$30; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	35 00
Wells, \$3.75; Woman's Soc., \$1.....	4 75
Wittenburg, \$18.32; Woman's Soc., \$5.....	23 32
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\$4,236 33	

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$4,488 38
Connecticut, Hartford.....	209 00
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$300.55; Pitts- field, \$25.58.....	326 13
Michigan, Cheboygan, \$7.35; Nashville, \$2.57; Rondo, \$7.....	16 92
New Jersey, Montclair.....	350 00
New York, Brooklyn.....	137 50
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\$5,552 93	

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,547 58
Connecticut, Middletown.....	4 24
Florida, Winter Park.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Ware.....	25 00
New Hampshire, Pelham.....	10 00
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\$2,596 82	

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org.
1806, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
Maine Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June,
1880, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, Bangor, Sec.
Michigan, Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing,
Sec.
Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org.
Oct., 1881, Mrs. Geo. L. Epps, Topeka, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. William Spalding, 6
Salmon Block, Syracuse, Sec.
Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Soci-
ety, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Har-
wood, Sec.
Oregon,
Washington, { Woman's Home Missionary Soci-
ety, org. July, 1884, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh,
Walla Walla, Sec.
South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary
Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young
Sioux Falls, Sec.

Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hart-
ford, Sec.
Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100
Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1886, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
June, 1886, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
California, Woman's Home Missionary Society
org. Oct., 1887, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, San
Francisco, Sec.
Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
Florida, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Feb. 1888, Mrs. N. Barrows, Winter
Park, Sec.
Indiana, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1888, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne,
Sec.
Southern California, Woman's Home Missionary
Union, org. May, 1888, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent,
Pasadena, Sec.

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
Arizona.
Arkansas.
Carolinas.
Colorado.
Delaware.
District of Columbia.
Georgia.
Idaho.

Indian Territory.
Kentucky.
Louisiana.
Maryland.
Massachusetts.
Mississippi.
Montana.
Nevada.
New Jersey.

New Mexico.
Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island.
Tennessee.
Texas.
Utah.
Vermont.
Virginia.
Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....*Mark xvi. 15.*
How shall they preach except they be SENT?... *Rom. x. 15.*

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A MAGNIFICENT LEAD.

THE Central Church, Brooklyn, under the lead of its pastor, Rev. Dr. Behrends, has set the stroke by which the present home missionary crisis is to be met and dealt with. The committee at Saratoga recommended the appropriation of \$100,000 to the new work of the Society. Dr. Behrends took this recommendation into his pulpit last Sunday and appealed to the congregation for their proportion of this increase. In the course of an eloquent sermon on "Present Christian Duty," he said:

"Week after week, as we sit in the Home Missionary Rooms, this question confronts us. The entrance upon new work in the newer settlements of this country has to be denied. To keep pace with the rapid and steady growth of population we must have more money. We cannot go forward. We cannot stand still. To stand still in such a momentous period, with such glorious opportunity opening up before us, is to fall back. It is no time to lag. If we would make our impress upon the future of this country, we must see to it that our institutions of freedom are protected by the presence of the church and the school-house, side by side, in every settlement in the remote portions of our land."

The people's response was a contribution of more than \$1,000, an advance of one hundred per cent. on their last gift to Home Missions. Not every metropolitan church has a Behrends to make the plea, yet one earnest effort on the part of each would doubtless witness a similar increase of home missionary contributions. For country and Christ's sake, who will follow this magnificent lead?

The Clerical Union, Monday morning spread a net which they called a Home Missionary Symposium, in which were caught Supt. J. H. Warren of California, Supt. M. E. Eversz of the German work, Supt. E. D. Curtis of Indiana, Supt. T. W. Jones of Pennsylvania, Rev. J. H. Parker of Wichita, Kan., and General Missionary Holcombe of Northern Missouri. For over an hour the field of Saratoga was fought over again

to the delight of those who were detained from that meeting. It has been a matter of frequent remark that home missionary superintendents seem to have a real story to tell, and excel in the art of putting things. Tap them anywhere, and they are ready and rousing speakers.

Particularly is this true of Rev. William G. Puddefoot "of the United States" *facile princeps*, on every platform. This designation of his field has fallen to him naturally. Just as all the rest of the world was starting for Saratoga, Mr. Puddefoot was flying west to celebrate the tenth anniversary of self-support in Illinois. Yet he turned up in Saratoga in time for every appointment. And when the tired Saratoga people were toiling home ready for a week's rest, Mr. Puddefoot was bound for Washington, D. C., to inspire another great gathering of churches. Puddefoots are rare. They have limits of strength and endurance. The officers of the Society have been made anxious by signs of overwork, and the Executive Committee has voted him two months' vacation, July and August, for a visit to his old home in England. He will go, providing the money—about three hundred dollars—to cover the expenses of travel, can be secured. The funds of the Society are too sacred for this use, although it would doubtless be a paying investment. Wherever Mr. Puddefoot goes, he will be heard, and wherever heard, will multiply givers and friends to Home Missions. Are there not many who in gratitude for the inspiration they have received from his lips, would love to help him to this summer outing? Dr. A. H. Clapp, Bible House, New York, is treasurer of everything.—*Correspondence of The Advance.*

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY SMITH.

Rev. Chas. S. Smith, for the past twenty-five years Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, has resigned his connection with that Society. It has been a long, laborious and faithful service. Wise in council, firm in administration, and above all broad and Christlike in spirit, Secretary Smith has drawn to himself the confidence of the churches and the love of the brethren to an unusual degree. No name from the cover of our magazine, and no presence from our Home Missionary counsels, will be more missed. He still retains his connection with the *Vermont Chronicle*, and there, as always in the past, his pen will be used in behalf of the cause of Home Missions so dear to his heart.

Rev. Chas. H. Merrill of St. Johnsbury has been appointed his successor, and is already in the field.

REV. W. EWING of Dakota in a personal letter emphasizes these points: "To organize and maintain a good Sunday-school there must be some *preaching*."

"A *denominational school* does much to prevent *denominational strife*. A Sunday-school grows naturally into a church. A Union Sunday-school ends very often with the formation of two or three churches where there should be but one.

"There are perhaps fifty places in North Dakota in addition to the ones already occupied that could be cared for religiously with about half a dozen preaching visits per year, to encourage them in their Sunday-school work. This arrangement would employ about six men, giving two or three days to each visit. This would meet the requirements for only a year or two, when the permanent pastor would be a necessity. *I could organize three times as many schools, all in good locations, if the American Home Missionary Society could send on the men to follow up the work.*"

REV. W. W. MOORE, D. D., in addressing the Presbyterian Centennial Assembly, in session in Philadelphia in May last, referred to the failure of numerous churches to contribute to Home Missions, and said: "I am persuaded that the chief reason for this delinquency is the failure of the pastors to inform the people of these vast destitutions and to impress upon them the paramount importance of evangelistic work. The contributions of the Southern Church to Home Missions last year varied in different presbyteries from one-and-a-half to seventy-seven cents per member, and, in the same presbytery, of two churches, not differing much as to ability, one contributed five times as much as the other. Obviously this is not so much the fault of the people as of the pastors. And this shameful inadequacy of means must continue so long as we fail to recognize, that for Home Missions as for Foreign, facts constitute the strongest appeal, and that facts draw funds just in proportion as they are presented."

RESOLUTIONS.—The Congregational Church of Tulare, California, at a church meeting held April 11, 1888, passed resolutions expressive of their gratitude for the timely help of this Society (and of its Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Warren), which was for years essential to its existence as a church,—and pledging the church to, at least, an annual contribution.

THE recent Territorial Educational Association, held in Las Vegas, New Mexico, was a most successful meeting, and one that will result in much good. The University of New Mexico, at Santa Fe, in charge of our missionary, Superintendent Rev. E. L. Hood, has been wonderfully and unexpectedly prospered. Last year it closed with nine students. To-day it numbers one hundred and five. This growth in the college is a help to the church. They have forty-five Indian children in the industrial department, which places 150 students under the care of the college.

ANOTHER.—My church wheeled into line for the “advance” in Home Missions, yesterday. Our offering was the largest ever made by this church for any object. It amounts to \$272, “with more counties to hear from.” We are very happy over the result. It is a Saratoga echo. Some of the brethren think we shall make the amount \$300. Anyhow, my people are stirred upon Home Missions. Thank you for the literature. I have flooded the town with it!—*Rev. W. B. Hutchins, Ellington, Ct. Extract from letter.*

THIS from a Vermont pastor: “Do not hesitate to pour out documents illustrative of the work. I have seen quite an amount of missionary money raised on unpromising soil. It takes Faith, Hard Work, Agitation, Patience, Perseverance, and Plenty of Ammunition,—missionary literature. Will not *The Home Missionary* devote some space to brief articles from many pastors on the question, How to raise money for the missionary cause? Let the pastors give their experiences, if they have been successful. Will you also for the hundredth time, perhaps, remind pastors that the cause of Home Missions should be represented at every *Missionary Concert*?

THE little church at Howard City, Dak., has a membership of twenty-five, and a Sunday-school of forty. One of the first acts of its new pastor, Rev. I. A. Shanton, was to call upon this church for a gift to its mother, the A. H. M. S. The collection amounted to nine dollars and twenty cents from the church, and five dollars and eighty cents from the Sunday-school, making a total of *fifteen dollars*. That church is bound to prosper. How long would it take to evangelize this country if our large churches poured their gifts into the Lord’s treasury in equal proportion, as *God has prospered them*?

A HOME Missionary finds it impossible to minister to the growing needs of his two large fields, ten miles apart, without a horse and buggy. His work has been greatly blessed, even under such disadvantages—but at what an expense of vitality on the part of the earnest worker! There are six similar cases on our list at the present writing. Young people, cannot *you* supply these missionary horses?

We have a few copies of “Songs for Social Worship,” by Dr. C. S. Robinson—a good book. It would be very helpful, if we could have two dozen more copies sent to us, and the gift would be most gratefully received. We can, however, use any other book, as we have not the necessity laid upon us to be choosers.—*Rev. John Vetter, Eldon, Mo.*

THE CRISIS IN HOME MISSIONS.

THE recent annual meeting of the American Home Missionary Society at Saratoga was in several respects a notable gathering. Never before have so many friends of the Society come from so many sections of the country to testify their interest in its noble work; never before have the magnitude and the pressing needs of that work been made so clear and brought home so forcibly to the hearts of all patriotic and Christian men; never before have fact and appeal united so eloquently to stir the conscience and unlock the treasury of the churches.

There is an element of inspiration in the mere dimensions of such a task as that to which the Home Missionary Society has set its hand; it may well tax the faith and strength of the Church to face and deal with such problems as those which confront this organization. There is inspiration in the magnitude of such work, because it is only the great need that makes the great opportunity: it is only the great peril that develops the great power that conserves and saves. Emerson has somewhere said that nothing is so perilous for men as that they should live secure when they ought to be dying for their country. It is matter of rejoicing that this vast nation, which must also make itself a great nation if it is to be secure, is held face to face with great and imminent dangers that force into action the heroism and sacrifice that might otherwise disappear under the spell of materialism. Nothing could be so disastrous for the world as that it should be thoroughly at ease; should go its way and live its life, undisturbed by anxieties and untroubled by care. Greatness in peoples, as in men, is bred by tremendous struggles, and by achievements which are wrung out of the agony of noble souls. It is in such experiences that life is saved from becoming mere animal existence.

Dr. Clark declares that there is to-day a crisis in Home Missions, and the facts which he presents show that he is no alarmist. It is a good thing for the Society and the churches that there is such a crisis upon them; there ought always to be a crisis in Home Missions. There ought always to be the sense of great and crying needs, of dangers that make us look to our civil and social order, of claims upon our time and thought and money that make us mindful of our stewardship. Let us rejoice when God draws heavily upon us, because this is the evidence that his work is going forward on a greater scale, and demands a larger share of human co-operation. These emphatic calls for help serve to remind us, also, that the churches cannot spend in barren and worse than useless discussions the time and strength which are needed for the very salvation of society. For the problems with which the Home Missionary Society is dealing do not relate to the church alone or merely; they are State problems of the first importance; problems which affect every interest and every citizen in the country. The work which the faithful and capa-

ble servants of the Society are doing is public work; they are charged with responsibilities to the Nation second to none. While politicians are clamorous about surface questions, about mere matters of policy, the home missionaries are dealing at first hand with the most fundamental things which affect the national welfare and life. The tariff is a small matter compared with the question of the Americanization of the hordes of foreigners who are already in control in many parts of the country; the fishery dispute is a bagatelle compared with the issue between atheistic materialism in great sections of the country and a civilization which shall be grounded on Christian principles and penetrated by Christian impulses. The question of the character of a civilization transcends in importance all questions of method, policy, and material interest. In its dealing with these questions the Home Missionary Society is doing the work of statesmanship as well as of religion, and its servants are public men in a truer and deeper sense than the great majority of those who fill our legislative bodies or sit in the places of executive power. Such a recognition doubtless awaits the men who are now putting heart and life into the service of Home Missions.

As report followed report from the different fields, the impression deepened in all minds that this is indeed a critical period in our history; that the perils to our institutions from foreign training, from wide-spread ignorance, and from a hard and selfish materialism are imminent and pressing, and that whatever is to be done must be done at once. The work is educational, and in all educational processes time is of the first importance. The frontiers must be carried now, or they will become entrenched against the saving influences of morality and religion; the break in the dike must be stopped now or the ocean will be upon us. This means more money and more men this year than ever before; it means greater zeal and generosity on the part of the churches. These will not fail if the churches can be made to understand the opportunity and the peril of the hour. The difficulty is that many of them do not; that many pulpits are silent or lethargic because of a lack of information concerning the work of the Society. The facts are so startling and convincing that they carry with them a force more persuasive than eloquence; the difficulty is that they do not get a hearing. What is needed is fuller study of the field by the ministers, and more systematic and adequate presentation of the work and needs of the Society to the churches. Mr. Hill's suggestion that the Sunday following the anniversary meeting be set apart to the presentation of this particular object ought to find wide acceptance. The added contribution of \$100,000 which the Society needs for its work this year will not be withheld if the nature of the crisis is clearly understood. The Society cannot stand still; it must go forward or backward; the moment it fails to advance it begins to recede. Movement is the law of its mission, and it can be made only as the impulse of the churches is behind it.—*The Christian Union*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY CLARK'S PAPER.

PRESENTED BY REV. RICHARD CORDLEY, D.D., OF KANSAS.

THE paper referred to us is a bugle-call to the churches. If the churches shall hear the call and respond to it, they may maintain the lead they have secured in home missionary work. If they refuse to hear and to heed, the Congregational churches must retire to the rear and cease to be counted among the aggressive Christian forces of the century.

The paper has two remarkable features: Its clear review of the present situation, and its vivid portrayal of the consequent duty. Its review of the situation shows very forcibly how the home missionary idea has expanded in these later years. The Home Missionary Society was once called a mere church aid-society. But it has long since outgrown that designation, and for years its great effort has been to give the Gospel to new settlements on the advancing frontier. It has followed the emigrant on his western journey, and has found him in his new home. It has gone everywhere preaching the Gospel. It has crossed the plains and climbed the mountains, and pressed on to the shores of the farther ocean. It has followed the trail of the pioneer and the track of the railroad. Into the camp of the miners in Colorado, into the camp of the lumbermen in Michigan, into the home of ancient civilization in New Mexico, and in the home of modern barbarism in Utah, it has gone and preached the pure Gospel of the Son of God. This work itself has called for constant enlargement because the border was constantly broadening, and the movement westward every year becoming more rapid. But while the western demand has thus steadily increased, other lines of work have opened, and other needs have revealed themselves. Not at the West alone, but all over the country there is coming to be a demand for home missionary effort. The rapid growth of cities has opened a new field of Christian endeavor of which the fathers never knew. The work is not all western, and if we would save our land we must not forget the growing desolation at our doors—in our great cities—and elsewhere in older as well as newer sections. The change of social conditions demands a new adjustment of home missionary forces. The great marvel of this age has been the growth of cities. The masses are going to town, and the Gospel must follow the people where they go. A new field of home missionary demand has been opened, which promises to be as large and imperative as the western work has been.

Then almost parallel with this comes the great foreign demand. Half a million of people are coming to our shores every year. All of these need to be brought into sympathy with our national life and our civilization, and many of them need to be brought into sympathy with Christianity itself. The paper on this point is of peculiar significance, and we need to look more than once to see the full force

of this new movement, and the new demands it brings with it. Here is the movement among Bohemians, where it was not only necessary to send a gospel ministry, but where it was necessary to create a gospel ministry to send. This is a work that only began to dawn on the consciences of Christians five years ago, and now there are two churches, many times that number of mission stations and Sunday-schools, with a class of young men training for the gospel ministry, and a class of young women training for Bible readers among their own people. We can not measure what this may mean for the one million of Slavs that have come to our shores. The work among Scandinavians is, if anything, more important still, because promising larger and more speedy results. The Scandinavians are a Christian people. Their sympathies will be with us if they can be made to understand us. The effort to bring the more than 200 Scandinavian mission churches into co-operation and sympathy with us is a work of almost infinite promise. The effort to do the same thing among our German fellow-citizens is equally significant and hopeful. When we are discussing this great foreign problem we must not do injustice to our foreign brethren. A large portion of our foreign immigrants are well disposed. They are loyal to the truth and in sympathy with religious things. But they need to understand and appreciate our form of civilization and our form of Christianity. The dangerous classes, though very large, are not a majority even among the foreign born themselves. It is a wise policy to win to our own ideas the well disposed majority, and they themselves will outweigh and outvote the ill disposed minority. The great foreign problem shall then settle itself. The Christianized portion shall more than balance the ill favored and the vile. The Gospel is mightier than dynamite. The policy of the Home Missionary in this regard is the broadest statesmanship. It would prepare the way that all the Christian elements of the land, native and foreign, may be consolidated in one force.

This is the spirit in which the American Home Missionary Society would meet the masses coming to our shores; not with suspicious glances and repellent words, but with looks of confidence, and words of welcome, born of the Gospel of Christ. It would join with all other forces to win these people to worthy and intelligent citizenship. It would open the way that they may be more readily Americanized and Christianized by our common schools, our common national life, and our common faith.

But you can readily see how this is enlarging the work of the Society. This work has taken on a threefold form, and in each direction is continually gaining. The western work was never so large, never so pressing, and never so promising as to-day. But while the western demand is more urgent than ever before, these other two departments are coming up to co-ordinate importance with it. We see, therefore, why it is that *with larger receipts than ever before, there was never such difficulty in*

meeting the call. The work grows faster than the resources, and it not only grows but multiplies. New departments of work open and call loudly for consideration. And these new departments reveal almost boundless opportunity. Every success points to new needs and beckons to new possibilities.

One of the most interesting portions of the paper before us is where the author details the efforts of the management to make their resources cover their needs. They sought to reduce appropriations to the churches. But here they soon found a limit. The missionaries' salaries had already been cut down to the lowest living point. They sought to cut off superfluous and unpromising work. But close and rigid inquiry showed, that with rare exceptions, all the work was promising, and none of it superfluous. To drop any large portion of it would be to abandon what years of toil had gained, and to call off the forces on the eve of victory. They found there could be no material reduction of grants, and no material contraction of work without disaster. All these efforts and many others to reduce the outlay and save a few dollars for advance work proved altogether inadequate. There remained but one thing to do, that was to adhere to the order, "No more new work." No words ever came from the mission house with such chilling effect as these. It took the enthusiasm from our hearts, and the hopeful prospect from before our eyes. All thoughts of progress and expansion must be abandoned; all idea that we were to go up and possess the land must be surrendered. No matter how loud the call, our ears must be stopped; no matter how glowing the promise, our eyes must be closed. We could hear but one inexorable command—"NO MORE NEW WORK!" We could no longer sing,

"Forget the steps already trod
And onward press thy way,"

but we could simply stand in the steps already taken. We could only hold the camp,—there could be no more advance; no more new fields won; no more daring onsets. We must simply stand behind the intrenchments and wait.

We read now and then in the religious press, and sometimes in the reports of meetings like this, the suggestion, that if the Society cannot increase its resources it must contract its work. "Let us have fewer churches, fewer men, and pay better salaries and pay them promptly." I assure you, brethren, this is not the order in which the matter is regarded at the front. The editor, sitting with slippered feet before his blazing grate, reads of suffering missionaries in woods or mountains, and he writes, "Call them in, fewer men and better paid." We hear no such word from the missionaries themselves. This is not the winning word, this is not the aggressive cry; it is not the cry that awakens enthusiasm and stirs the blood; it is the easy-going cry that would let the conscience rest. It would say, "Let us not burden ourselves. Let us

not worry ourselves. If the work is too heavy for us, let us throw it down." The missionary at the front has a different thought. He is like the soldier in the field. The soldier appreciates good fare, and good tents, and good care. But first of all to him are the demands of the service. "Feed us well if you can, clothe us comfortably if you can; but if it must be that you can only give us hard-tack and a package of meal in our knapsacks, by all means hurry the reinforcements to the front, and press the battle to victory, and win the cause for which we are fighting."

This is the sentiment of the missionaries on the field. First of all in their thought, is the work they came to do. They have their trials, not a few. Their work is hard, the salary is small, and the trials are many. They are not one whit behind God's servants anywhere, in labors performed and trials endured. They have gone to the frontier and shared the poverty and discomforts of the log-cabin, the dug-out and the sod-shanty. Like Paul, they know how to be in want, though few of them have ever known how to abound. They could tell many a touching story of work and want and weariness. But they have gone at the Master's call. They accept these trials as the conditions of their service, and they gladly bear them if only the work to which they are devoted may not suffer. They would scorn to hold up their trials to excite sympathy in their personal needs when the work they are doing should command attention by its own dignity and grandeur. It is the work they are doing for which they are most concerned. It seems a vast and empty region in which they labor, but they know into this vast region the multitudes are coming, and coming in increasing numbers.

It is said of Henry Clay that when he first left his Kentucky home, and traveled eastward, he climbed the mountains and looked off toward the great sea. He stood for a few moments as if listening. Then, turning to his companions he said, "I seem to hear the tread of coming millions." The missionary at the front hears the tread of coming millions. He may be out on the broad prairie, or in the solitude of the mountains, but he hears the tread of millions none the less. He toils among scattered hamlets, and his congregation gather in little school-houses and cabins and dug-outs. But it is not for these alone he labors. He has in mind the millions that are coming. He knows they are surely coming, and they will not be long on the way. He is in the line of coming empires; in the track of destiny; he sees about him a cluster of mighty States, each in itself an empire. A few years more and these sparsely settled regions will teem with busy populations. He wonders what place Christian principles shall have in shaping these great commonwealths. Here is an opportunity to do a service for his country and his Master which is never offered but once. Here is an opportunity to enter and shape the beginnings of great States. There may be done now in two score years

what two hundred years cannot do later. These States are rapidly assuming the character they will permanently bear.

What part are our Congregational churches to have shaping these great commonwealths? What place shall the principles and order of the Pilgrims have in the full-grown States that will soon be upon us? Some may say, others will do the work if we do not. Possibly this may be. Others may hear the call to which we are deaf. Others may respond to the need to which we are indifferent. But it was not the wont of the Pilgrims to let others go where they were called. It was never their wont to lag behind while others pressed to the front. The sons of the Pilgrims must not prove unworthy their ancestry. They must not allow the work which belongs to them to be taken from their hands, nor the crown which belongs to them to be taken from their brow. May they rather feel impressed that they have come to the kingdom for such a time as this!

And we must not think the old-time speed will answer the end. The old-time speed will lead us in the rear. Everything has quickened its step. And the Gospel must quicken its step too if it would keep alongside the age. In the olden time men went West with the ox team, and everything must "wait for the wagon." Now they go West in the lightning express, and all things must follow with railroad speed. In 1860 the region west of the Mississippi contained scarcely four millions of people, and yet it comprised two thirds of the area of the nation. In 1880 it contained ten millions. In 1890 it will contain seventeen millions, and in 1900 it will contain twenty-five millions. It has taken fifty years to bring the old West to its present state of advancement. Half that time will do the same for the newer West. Where twenty years ago the buffalo roamed, now great herds of choice cattle feed. The buffalo wallows have been turned into corn-fields, and the Indian camping-grounds into prosperous cities. The little hamlets of five years ago are now counting their population by thousands and their traffic by millions. All these communities, in city, village, and hamlet call for the Gospel, and the call must be answered now. Communities, like men, acquire their character in youth. The early influences of pioneer life are prophetic of the future, and become the abiding influences of the after growth. The onward progress of settlement will henceforth be more rapid than ever before. If our gospel work is not to keep pace with the onward movement, we must take our place with denominations which have done their work, and cease to be counted as one of the aggressive forces of the republic

RICHARD CORDLEY.

ROBERT R. MEREDITH.

WILLIAM H. STRONG.

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HENRY D. SMITH.

DR. MEREDITH followed DR. CORDLEY in similar earnest. He urged that no ordinary crisis is upon us. It is also a great opportunity, and it is ours. . . . We must not overdo the principle of Christian comity, and fail of proper denominational self-respect and activity. . . . If the executive committee had voted to go on with the new work in sight, even by incurring a debt, the churches would have paid the debt. We have the money. We show this by giving to all sorts of good objects which have no direct claim upon us. . . . Our polity is so divine that it does not work easily. We have not the formal organization of the Presbyterians or Methodists, but we have a diviner thing, the opportunity of showing that love can accomplish more than law. . . . Our people still need information, and there should be an energetic home missionary committee in every conference.

THE needs of the work were evidently in all minds and upon all hearts: almost every speaker referred to the subject and urged immediate action. Upon one thing all were agreed—that the work must go on. Dr. Cordley and Dr. Meredith, speaking for the committee to which Dr. Clark's paper was referred, made fervent appeals to the churches to furnish the Society with men and money; every report from the mission field added eloquent facts to these appeals, and the feeling of all present was expressed in the resolution reported by the committee and unanimously adopted:

“*Resolved*, That we have listened with profound interest to the paper of Secretary Clark, entitled ‘A Crisis in Home Missions;’ that we appreciate the seriousness of the crisis he describes; that we indorse the appeal he makes for an advance of \$100,000 as the least that will be adequate to the emergency, and pledge ourselves, as much as in us lies, to co-operate with the management of the American Home Missionary Society in securing the money needed.”

HELP FROM AFRICA.—Inclosed please find a check for \$5, which Rev. W. M. Stover of Bailundu, Central Africa, has asked me to forward to the American Home Missionary Society, to be used in supplying books or papers to some of your needy pastors. He says he cannot send his papers to them, but wants these home missionary pastors to have their needs in this direction supplied. I think you will agree with me that such a gift from such a source is something out of the common course. It will do to be mentioned alongside of the gift of the First Church in Bailundu, Central Africa, (\$2.21) for the “Morning Star Mission.”—*Rev. E. E. Strong, D. D.*

THE HIDDEN IDOL.

THESE people in New Mexico are very idolatrous. One day the wife of a young Mexican left him. His mother took a household idol, and hid it away in a dark place, promising the idol that when her son's wife should come home, it should be released. After awhile the wayward wife returned to her husband. The mother then brought the idol from its hiding place, and holding it aloft, danced through the streets. She finally entered the house of a friend. The people there assembled, immediately knelt before the image, and gave thanks for the restoration of the wandering wife. We were permitted, recently, to hold service in the house where a little child lay dead. Some of the relatives forbade us to sing a hymn, but the grandfather said, "This is my house—they shall sing." Afterward the old man asked the relatives how they liked the service. They said, "It was very nice." We feel that a point has been gained. It is the first time to my knowledge that a Romanist, in this country, permitted a funeral service to be conducted by a Protestant. These people have been kept in darkness so long, that we find them difficult to reach. Very few can read even in their own language. We hope much from our schools. When the boys and girls can read good English literature, their minds may be molded in the right way.—*A Mexican Missionary.*

"KEPT FOR THE MASTER'S USE."

MRS. MARILLA WRIGHT CURTIS,

MRS. MARILLA WRIGHT CURTIS was born at Hanover, N. H., December 16th, 1806. She became a Christian very early in life; studied at Plainfield Academy, and spent several years in teaching; had an intense desire to become a foreign missionary, but it was before the days when it was considered proper for a single lady to enter a foreign field. She was married Sept. 7, 1829, to Rev. Otis F. Curtis, also of Hanover, N. H., sharing his labors in a pastorate of nearly fifty years. Six of these were spent in Northern Vermont, enjoying a constant succession of revivals which in those days were almost an unheard-of thing. But the missionary spirit possessed them, and in September 1835, they started for the then far West, along weary journey of six weeks by stage, canal, and steamer, to Canton, Ill. In 1836 they were in Chicago, when that city was but a small village, doing pioneer pastoral work there, and afterward in Wisconsin, in Kenosha, Racine, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Shopiere and Emerald Grove; and later, among the Seneca Indians in New York, in Dover, Ill., and Avoca, Wis.; carrying with them the revival spirit so signally blessed in early days.

As the wife of a pioneer Home Missionary she had a large experience of the privations and joys of the missionary service she had so coveted all her life.

She prayed for a son, that he might be a missionary of Christ to the heathen; and her first-born, Joseph, dedicated his young life, and studied hard to fit himself as a missionary; but God took him, and on his death-bed he urged his brother to take up the work that he must lay down.

It was touching to see her joy as one after another, all her boys made choice of the gospel ministry, and afterward of direct missionary service; and later on to see several of the grandchildren imbued with like spirit. Her sympathies were warmly enlisted in the anti-slavery movement at a very early day, as well as in the cause of temperance. Of the eight children granted them, five are still living, and four were privileged to be with her in her last sickness.

After her husband's death she returned to Emerald Grove, formerly their home for thirteen years. Here, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louie Marilla Cheney, she entered peacefully into rest, shortly after twelve on the morning of May 3d, 1888, at the ripe age of eighty-one. Her last words were, "Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." Truly, "many shall rise up to call her memory blessed." The funeral services were held in the new Congregational Church at Emerald Grove, Saturday, May 5th, Rev. J. W. Olmstead, of the M. E. Church, officiating in the absence of the pastor, Rev. D. B. Jackson. Sermon on the higher altitudes of Christian experience, as illustrated in the life and death of this aged saint. Text, "Ps. li: 10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God."—*Exchange*.

A DOXOLOGY.

My heart is so full I must speak! For twenty years my wife and I have worked in Missouri. We have toiled right along in the vineyard, trusting our Heavenly Father to supply our wants all these days, and weeks, and years. But indeed it did look dark, as far as our support was concerned, a few months ago. Our little church cut loose from the dear parent Society, and determined upon self-support. Of course we wanted to help, but it has been a hard trial for them, and for us. In the midst of the struggle came a tempting call to a field which offered a generous salary. Here was an open door out of want, into plenty. But what about this brave, noble, valiant little band, fighting to become a self-supporting church in a great center of influence? By the help of God the temptation was overcome. We decided to remain with our people, and from that hour God's smile has been upon us all, most significantly. Several leading families have come into church fellowship. *The Ladies' Aid Society* has doubled its strength. The subscription to

the pastor's salary has increased. All debts are paid. Church benevolences have been started. Thanks to helping hands at the East, we have safely crossed the line. We are now a self-supporting church.

In addition to special blessings upon our people, we, personally, have had a new and rich experience in gifts from the East. It is simply impossible to describe the wonderful box from Broadway Tabernacle, New York. Our every want as a family was supplied to the last degree. But what shall I say about seventeen elegant volumes of recently published books of the very highest order! The fact that every book was carefully selected by Rev. Dr. Taylor himself, is a guarantee of its merit. Some of the larger volumes must have been *expensive*, yet here they rest upon my shelves! Oh, how rich and rare they are! books for both the head and heart. I had read reviews of them, but little dreamed I should ever see the books. If I am not a better preacher, a more spiritual pastor, a fresher sermonizer, great will be my condemnation. As to the suits of clothing that came with these books, we dare not allow ourselves to estimate the value. And the inspiring letter, which added blessed sunshine to it all, we cherish in our family, as something sacred. If the clouds ever gather about me again, I will sing,

"His love in times past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink."

SLAVIC GLIMPSES.*

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Our Slavic population is composed of Bohemians, Poles, Russians, and Bulgarians. We have in the United States already over a million of them, and they are still coming to us, at the rate of fifty or sixty thousand a year. They have a tendency to collect in the large cities, and are to be found in the cities from New York to Omaha in numbers from one thousand to seventy-five or eighty thousand. Besides these there are large numbers settled in colonies in the farming districts of the West. In some places whole townships are filled with them. They are almost wholly Catholic, at least nominally, except a few Protestant Bohemians. There is a tendency among the Bohemian Catholics, however, to renounce their religion—but when they do it, they usually become infidels and atheists.

Infidel papers and clubs disseminate their pernicious doctrines with untiring diligence, and the result is a class of scoffers and haters of the truth. To show the character of this infidel press, I quote a few words from the Superintendent of the Slavic work. He says:

"One of the most widely read of these papers, publishes every Sunday comic pictures of Bible-scenes, and blasphemous doggerel concerning

* Extracts from an address at Saratoga, in June, 1888.

them. The man who publishes this paper was once a Catholic priest, and the pictures he uses are taken from a French publication called 'The Bible for Few,' the circulation of which was forbidden in Paris because it was so bad. How low they become in morals may be seen from an incident related by a Polish missionary in Detroit, of a young man, who wished to get away from his parents because their lives were so bad. One of his brothers had stolen a coat, and when the father came home at night, the boy told him about it, and he said, 'That is right, my son; if you have not money to buy a coat, steal it.' "

Five years ago it may be said that nothing was being done for these people, at least through organized effort. There were but two Americans in the United States who could preach to them in their own language, and so far as is known, but three or four native ministers. Since that time, the American Home Missionary Society has appointed a Superintendent to organize the work. He saw at once the need of men to labor among them, and proposed to the faculty of Oberlin Theological Seminary that they open a department in their Seminary for training young men of Slavic nationalities for this field. After consideration, the proposition was accepted, and in the fall of 1885 the work was begun with two students. Shortly afterward, two more came, making the number for the first year four. The next year there were six, and last year (1887) eight. For next year, we have four or five more in sight already. The plan has been to give them a two years' course of study in such branches as would fit them to begin labor among their countrymen at once, and thus to hold the field until a better prepared class of men could be raised up. They are kept constantly upon the study of the Bible, and instructed in the leading doctrines of Christianity. Besides this, they are drilled in the use of their own language in preparing addresses and prayer meeting talks. At the same time, their work is made to take on a practical turn by sending them to Cleveland on Sundays, where they preach and conduct Sunday-school classes, and visit the families of their countrymen.

Oberlin is so situated that one hundred thousand of these people could be reached every week if we had the men to send. Five men have completed the two years' course, and have gone out to their various fields of labor. One is in Detroit among the twenty-five or thirty thousand Poles of that city. Another has his headquarters in St. Paul, and does Missionary work among the Bohemians of Minnesota. Another is with the Bohemians in Iowa. The two who left us this year are not yet permanently located. The work has not been in vain. At least eight new Mission stations have been opened, and are manned by these students.

In Cleveland a chapel was built several years ago by the Cleveland churches, in which Bohemian services have been held and a Sunday-school of 500 children gathered. On the 28th of last March, I had the pleasure of sitting as a member of a council which organized *Bethlehem Chapel*, as it was called, into Bethlehem Church. Two days later,

a similar church was established among the Bohemians of Chicago. Wherever the word of truth is given them there is evidence of the working of the Spirit of God. In Detroit is a poor paralyzed man, who, at the risk of personal violence, proclaims his faith in Christ, and reads the Bible to those who visit his house. Even the infidel Bohemians can be reached when they are approached in the right spirit. One missionary in St. Paul tells of an infidel father who was brought to attend church because the Bible-reader who was visiting another family living in the same house in which he lived gave his children a portion of the gifts she had bought for the other children.

God has given us this opportunity for service, and for our fidelity in discharging it I believe he will call us to a strict account. Men for the service must be educated. In the case of the men preparing for work among our foreign population there is no stated fund which can be used for this purpose. The American Home Missionary Society does not provide money to educate men. The seminary has no means of doing it, and the men themselves can do little—in most cases, nothing at all. Some of them, indeed, come to us at a real sacrifice. One young man, the son of a Kansas farmer, was, at home, the stay of his parents in their old age, but when the call came to enter the work as a missionary to his people, the old father and mother gave him up, and now carry on the farm with the help of their younger sons.

It is not always easy to find men, but it is harder to find money to educate them. If we do our duty to these foreigners we must be generous of our means. The influences which have been the downfall of nations before us are at work here. Unlimited wealth has always been followed by luxury, and continued luxury, by deterioration in morals. One danger which threatens us almost as much as the foreign population is our wealth, or, at least, the opportunity for acquiring it. On all sides we are in danger of being consumed by this desire for gain. The antidote for this will be, in spending our money not in luxury, but for Christ.

When Gideon, with his little band, went out to fight with the hosts of the Midianites, he won the victory because the Lord turned the swords of the enemy every one against his fellow. Let us take a hint from this suggestion. We are threatened by two foes—wealth, and the influence of an ignorant and unchristian population. Let us turn them against each other. Let us consecrate our wealth to the education and evangelization of these people, and we shall destroy the dangers from both. The money power would thus Christianize the foreign element, and the reflex influence would go far toward Christianizing the money power.

"The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee, shall perish." These are God's words, and I do not believe he intends that any nation which refuses to do his will, shall live. If we refuse, we shall follow in the footsteps of Babylon and Rome, and others who have gone before us. But "*happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.*"

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PRAYER UNION

IN ARIZONA.

"THE members of The Prayer Union for 1887-88 pledge themselves until July 1st :

To daily prayer for their pastor, that the Spirit of God may accompany his words and work in this community, and for fellow Christians, that all may be quickened to more consistent, consecrated living.

To help sustain the Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting by taking some part therein, either by giving a selected verse from the chapter announced, by brief remarks or testimony, by a text, or by a few words of prayer.

To personal endeavor to bring people who do not attend, to the prayer meeting, the Sunday-school, or the Sunday preaching services, and to try and lead some they know to love and serve the Savior.

Feeling my responsibility as a disciple of Jesus, and trusting in God to help and keep me, I promise earnestly and faithfully to unite in this special prayer and work, from this date to the close of the season."

This Union which does its work quietly and privately, now numbers eighteen members, and is a great help and encouragement to me. The outlook is hopeful for the growing up of a goodly number of earnest, faithful workers, both among our grown people, and our young people. The blessing of the Lord is abiding upon us continually. I feel that I appreciate more and more the privilege of laboring in this field. Its difficulties do not seem to lessen, but there is more of consecration and willingness to serve on the part of Christian people, and that is a joy and strength. While this place is more depressed in business than at any time since my coming, we think it has reached its lowest point, and will soon change for the better.—*Rev. H. H. Cole, Tucson, Arizona.*

WELCOME POUNDS.—Some of my people are very poor, and the drought of last season has embarrassed them terribly, but it came into their minds a few evenings since to make their pastor a visit. A party of seventy arrived at the parsonage, each bearing a pound of something that can be used in the house. Following the party were a couple of small boys, who, having nothing of their own to bring, picked up a scuttle of coal, as their contribution to your missionary and his wife.—*Minnesota.*

I AM delighted with the home missionary leaflets which were distributed at Saratoga this year. It seems to me there were never so many readable and impressive publications upon missionary work as are now coming to us from the American Home Missionary Society.—*From one who reads.*

Woman's Department.

THE WOMAN'S MEETING AT SARATOGA.

CONCLUDED.

THE following original poem, contributed by a New England woman, and a warm friend of Home Missions, was printed upon the programme of the Woman's meeting at Saratoga :

MY GUIDE.*

“ For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy hand,
Thy right hand, in mine own, and comfort thee.
Fear not, for I will help thee.”

This the Hand

That holds the spheres, and with one boundless sweep,
Measures the ocean as it were a drop
Within its mighty hollow; with a span
Metes out the spreading heavens; counts the dust,
And balances the everlasting hills.
And art Thou, Mighty One, to be my Guide?
Am I to hold with trembling, childlike grasp
The Hand that made, that holds the universe?
Will not my hand slip out, unknown to Thee,
While, prone to wander in the maze of sin
I blindly lose the way and lose myself?

“ For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy hand
Within mine own; and I will comfort thee.”

Thy words! my faith rests fearlessly in Thee,
Since Christ hath sealed my pardon with His blood.
He knows His own,—they never plead in vain;
And this my pleading.—If I e'er forget
To hold the Hand that Thou hast proffered me,
Then do not Thou let go, but lead me through,
And when the night comes on, Oh, let me hear
Through chill and darkness the same loving Voice
Calling me home.

WEST NEWTON, MASS.

*Published by request.

THE addresses given by ladies were published in the July number of this Magazine. We now conclude a rare feast of good things by giving some extracts from the addresses of Rev. Messrs. Adams, Eversz, Lewis, and Puddefoot.

OUR NEW BOHEMIAN CHURCH.

BY REV. E. A. ADAMS, CHICAGO.

A LITTLE more than six years ago we spent our last Sabbath with the church in Prague. It was communion Sabbath. As we entered the little chapel in the morning, we found its walls covered with paper flowers cut by the young ladies of the church, and the platform and chair literally covered with a thick carpet of beautiful forget-me-nots. In the afternoon, one of the deacons, a carpenter, who had cleared his large shop the day before, invited us with the church and congregation to a rare feast. After a slight repast, prepared the day before, hymns were sung, the Bible read, prayers offered, and testimonials heard. Nearly every member of the church spoke, and not a few who were not yet members. And the burden of all they said, was this: "I thank God that the Gospel was ever brought to me in its purity." Not a few tears were shed,—tears they were of gratitude, not to us personally, but to us as having been sent to them with this precious message.

During our work in Chicago, this last Sabbath in Prague has been often recalled. Then it seemed as if no progress was making. We remembered that day and took courage, for we had no doubt after our experience in Prague, that these Bohemians could become earnest, devoted, grateful, and loving Christians. Many times have we spoken of it, and many times in our family has the wish been expressed that we might see here the things which we had seen among this same people in Bohemia. We have not yet seen them. Many hindrances are in the way, but our new church is, we believe, the beginning from which even greater things are to grow.

It might seem that among people who are born into the church, who insist upon having their children baptized almost immediately after birth, and who are shocked at the thought of burying their dead without the services of an ordained minister or priest, that the organization of a church would be a matter of course, with no special difficulties in the way. But the fact is, that all these circumstances which seem so favorable are really hindrances. Their longing for the outward forms of the church does not at all indicate an inward desire for approach to God in these ordinances. It is but the expression of their idea that when the outward form has been attended to, the thing desired has been accomplished. Of spiritual communion, of change of life, either as a condition or as a result of church membership, they have scarcely any conception. A heathen, when he hears the Gospel for the first time, feels that it

prime demand is a change of heart and life. To instill this idea into the mind of a formal Christian requires much time and effort. It is not at all likely that *all* the members of our new church are wholly free from this error now, but much work has been done in this line and many facts indicate that the work has been blessed by God.

But we rejoice in our new church quite as much from the fact that we expect it to be a fold into which we can gather the young whose feet are tending that way, as that it is already something accomplished. We feel that among the boys and girls and young people there is very much to hope for in this line. The eagerness with which the boys learn their verses in order to receive the Bible as a reward and the interest with which they read it is a most hopeful thing. If it is, as it most certainly is, very sad to see boys of thirteen to fifteen years of age who have never heard anything about Abraham, or Moses, or Daniel, it is on the other hand, very encouraging to find them not only anxious to read about these Bible characters, but also finding in their history, suggestions for all sorts of questions concerning practical morality.

We hope our new church is soon to receive valuable accessions from the youth, among whom it is quite evident that the Spirit of God is at work. We look to our church to cultivate a true family life among the people. There is great need of this. The true Christian idea of the family is little known among them. As a church we hope to gather them together in a social way and awaken in them desires to have their individual families a pattern of the true Church. To do this we need a church home. *A new chapel with all that would be connected with it is a necessity to the development of our new church.* And besides we need much assistance in the work.

Among no people does visiting and other Christian work pay better than among the Bohemians. Personal contact with them in all sorts of ways exerts a wonderful influence for good. I regret nothing so much as that my other duties forbid my visiting the people as I wish to.

We hope to make our church an influence in a wider sense, by means of our paper, which will soon, I trust, become a weekly; with a growing church behind it, its favor will be greatly increased. But it will require outside pecuniary support for some time yet. The need of such a paper is not yet felt as it should be. Its advocacy of a Christianity that is not formal, its temperance principles, and its maintaining a higher tone of character are not pleasing to *all* the people.

Our work has been made possible by the help of the American Home Missionary Society. Without that help it is difficult to see how the work would have been carried on to the present time; and this help is still needed. If Christians to whom God has entrusted wealth could see, as I believe he sees it, their opportunity,—they would pour out their wealth like water at this time when money is so much needed and will *accomplish so much.*

EVERY-DAY WORK AMONG THE POLES.

BY JOHN LEWIS, DETROIT.

DEAR SISTERS, BRETHREN IN THE LORD, AND FRIENDS:—You heard to-day many excellent English speakers, plain grammarian speakers, and now I wish you to pay attention to my speech, half and half English and Polish language; but before I am going to begin to speak more, I will tell you that Brother W. H. Davis, the pastor of the First Congregational Church in Detroit, sends his best wishes to you all; he cannot be here present in body, but he is here in spirit with us.

My subject is, the “Every-day work among Polish people in Detroit.” My every-day work begins early in the morning, visiting from house to house, selling Bibles and tracts, and also reading unto them the word of God, and explaining it to them. Some call it preaching; if it so, then I preached about over a thousand sermons; but I do not call them sermons, only personal work.

You heard that Brother Rev. Walker said last night that the foreigners are very filthy and dirty. He said a truth. He has had some experience in it. I found myself in many places that when I opened the door the smell from inside near knocked me down, but the servant of God must go in, and make no difference if he is going to be knocked down from a hammer or a smell.

Dear Friends, you must not think that the work among the foreigners is easy. I am finding more and more through my every-day work about their ignorance. I came to a house, and I found a child in a cradle crying, and his head was turned near to a hot stove. The poor baby was near roasted from the heat of the stove. I asked the mother why she done this, and she said, “That child is sick.” I told her that she is making the child worse sick, because she has his head so close to the stove, and she said she did not think that. But she turn the child-head from the stove and place the feet to it, and the child was quiet.

I come to many incidents by my every-day work. I came to a family which had a Bible from me. The man and wife read it every morning and evening. I asked the man what he think about his Bible, is it right for a man to forbid another man to read it? And he said any man who forbids to read the Bible is not a servant of God, but of a devil. I found also that priest who send the dog after me in Cleveland; he is after me now in Detroit. I had been telling you, dear Sisters and Brethren, last year that the women are bold, more brave than the men, to stand up for Jesus, and confess him before the people. I have to tell you again, that I found another woman in Detroit, who is not afraid of her people. She is coming to the services mostly every time when they are held.

To this my every-day work I must add some things, so that you may know that I am not sleeping there, or eating bread for nothing. From *last of July, 1887, to June 1, 1888*, it is eleven months. I have visited

1305 families, preached 36 sermons, lead 46 prayer-meetings, taking care of a chapel as a janitor or sexton, from July 1887 to February 1888. I have sold Polish tracts 785, value, \$22.31. I have given away over 300 to the poor; sold 15 Polish Bibles, value \$17; 31 Polish Testaments, value \$5.58; 4 English Bibles, value \$2; 3 Bohemian Bibles, value, \$1.50; 1 Bohemian Testament, value 15 cents; 15 Bohemian tracts, value \$3.70; and 2 German Bibles, value \$1.35.

I have spoke once on temperance in a hall in English. Some ladies want me to preach temperance to those people, and I said that the Gospel of Christ is better for them. Temperance to preach is good to some other classes of people, but not to these foreigners. They have to accept Christ first. Remember, dear friends, these Polish people; they need your help.

GATHERING UP THE CRUMBS.

BY REV. W. G. PUDDFOOT.

[In attempting to give the address of this gentleman we must be content with a few dottings, merely. To tell the honest truth, it is doubtful whether he could report himself!]

THE subject given to me, "Gathering up the crumbs," I find a most difficult one, simply from a lack of material;—no crumbs in this meeting,—more like Liebig's extract of meat. I have been delighted with the practical way in which the ladies have worked this meeting. How much better they manage than the stuttering blacksmiths that I heard of to-day at the dinner table! These two men were working on a piece of iron; the head man told the other to strike when he gave the word. The time came, and blacksmith No. 1 said, "St-st-st st-rike!" The other said, "W-w-w-wh-where?" "*No where!* You're to-to-too-late!" and the iron was cold. Not so with our good sisters, who have practically illustrated the use of striking while the iron is hot, by the noble collection for Mrs. Pickett's Rocky Mountain Church.

I am glad the ladies have taken hold of this work of saving our country. It is now eight years since I stood for the first time to address a Congregational State Association in Michigan. The other speaker of the evening was a young Home Missionary, Rev. R. M. Burgess. The young man was full of life and hope, and pleasantly alluded to the name of his town, which was Bad Axe. He said it was a shame, as the next town was Grindstone City, and then he gave an interesting account of his home missionary experiences. That was but eight years ago—and to-day his body lies under the turf, and his young widow mourns for her love for whom she waited so long only to lose so soon! I have not time to give many illustrations, but this case is a sample of many, and I will try and tell his story in a few words. He commenced his work in

Minden, Michigan. He was there through that period when the forest fires devastated the country far and wide. He remained unmarried for some years, because out of his generous heart he had used money for other's woes that would have started him in married life earlier. His wife was in every way worthy of him, and entered heart and soul into the work at Alba. The people were poor, and out of our brother's scanty store went money for the church that should have gone for the necessities of life. At times through the winter they suffered from the lack of suitable food and clothing; and at last the young wife sold her wedding-dress to buy a much-needed overcoat for her husband. In the spring a call came to a sunnier clime, and with renewed hope the young couple started anew. But alas! pneumonia seized upon his weakened frame and although the physician checked it, he was too low to recover, and passed to his reward at the age of thirty-six. And now, dear sisters, here is but one case of many, and humanly speaking, *one that gold could have saved.*

Oh, I do not see how a Christian woman can put twenty-five dollars into a hat or bonnet to ornament the head, and spend hundreds and thousands on jewels, and come back from Europe loaded with knick-knacks, and sing complacently, "*I love thy Kingdom, Lord,*" when her sister in the wilderness must sell her wedding garment to buy a coat to shield her husband from the wintry blast. Don't do it, my sister! you will look prettier in a cheaper hat, and feel a thousand per cent. better in your heart.

I have known of a little lady, who was reared tenderly in the East, living over a saloon with her husband and three children; rent thirty dollars a month—only one room in which a stove could be kept. The husband had to cut the ice from a barrel in the hall to get water for breakfast, while the little ones were clinging to the mother's dress crying. "I'se so cold, mamma! I'se so cold!" Underneath were wicked men singing lewd songs, swearing, playing cards, and from morning to night the loud guffaw of the drunkard could be heard. Another I know whose little ones sleep in a room that is often twenty degrees below zero, and even as they sit at meals with the table as near to the kitchen stove as they can get it, the thermometer registers zero! And this good brother and his wife bundle up the last baby in blankets, and all getting into the sleigh, drive two miles to church with the air as sharp as stinging nettles. What a contrast to the home you live in, sister, with a register in your bedroom, a satin quilt on the bed, and an electric knob to summon Biddy, with all the luxuries the richest land on earth possesses! I don't see how we can hear these cries for help with indifference. The ones that need help make no complaint, but endure hardness as good soldiers, and in the Lord's time will wear the victor's crown. But now they need your sympathy; they need your precious prayers, and they ought to have *of your SUPERFLUITIES*, which would be riches to them.

One thing is sure, and I must say it before I close; there are many lives cut short for the lack of the very things which God's people have in abundance; and how we shall stand before the Master when he makes up his peculiar treasures, I cannot conceive, unless we recognize in these, our brethren upon the field, THE MASTER HIMSELF, and help Him according to His needs and our ability.

EXTRA CRUMBS.

WHILE in Portland, Maine, I was pleasantly surprised at the close of the meeting, when a neat, but plainly dressed young man and three young women who work in a factory came up to me and modestly stated that they belonged to a "Tithing Society," and that they had brought their tenth to help on the work. I could not but think, what if all God's children gave a tenth? Why, there would be no need of my traveling night and day, and worrying good people out of their rest. No, no! We could march forward into the waste places triumphantly, and with God's help make the solitary place glad, and the desert like the garden of the Lord.

A GENTLEMAN, on hearing a minister say we ought to give till we feel it, exclaimed, "Pshaw! I could carry the whole thing myself and not feel it!" I could not help the conviction that if there are men who can "carry it all and not feel it," and yet will let a debt hang around God's work like a millstone, the time will come when those same riches will hang like a millstone around their necks; and when those factory girls are glorified saints, and sweeping around the very throne, the rich ones of that type will be a million miles away without a pin-feather started!—*Rev. W. G. Puddfoot.*

We regret that the report of the earnest words spoken by Superintendent Eversz is not at hand for this number. From an *Exchange* we copy the following: Superintendent Eversz, who spoke in behalf of the Germans in our country, said: "Do not be afraid of them; go to them because you love them; see the possibilities in them. Christ did not come to us because He was afraid of the evil we should do if left to ourselves, but because He loved us and wanted to save us." The general burden of our Secretaries seemed to be, the great demands upon us all, as God's children, ministers and laymen, to Christianize these millions of foreigners among us, and that this is the supreme hour for action—a crisis in Home Missions. One speaker said the kingdom of heaven was not likened to leaven—not at all. The kingdom of heaven was likened to leaven which was taken and hid in three measures of meal till all was leavened. So the Gospel must be taken to these masses and diffused among them—then God would give increase and fruitage.

AFTER THE MEETING.

FROM A MISSIONARY MOTHER.

CLEVELAND, *June 12, 1888.*

YOU will be pleased to learn that we had here a very interesting season last Sabbath, it being the second communion of this Bohemian church. Their first communion was on Easter Sunday, with fifty-six members, all but thirteen of them Bohemians, and one Pole. Last Sabbath ten were added, half of them Bohemians. The services were in the two languages, and the singing went well in both. You know the Bohemians are a very musical people. I cannot express to you my sincere pleasure at being present on that occasion. Having lived for three years with my children in Brünn, Moravia, and witnessed their trials and sorrows and bitter persecutions, I thank the Lord heartily that He has now permitted my son to see fruits of the work in SUCH A CHURCH. Oh! that you and the good gentlemen at the Bible House could have seen with your own eyes this little church, the first fruits of your labors among these Slavic nationalities in this country! I am sure our people who have given to the work, could they also have seen and heard, would have been amply repaid for what they have done for these immigrants. I am *certain* that a large blessing is in store for these peoples, and for *us*, if we do our duty to them. Please excuse this letter. I could not help telling you how happy and thankful I am to see what I do in this place. The prayers and tears of my sainted husband and daughter are being answered in blessings upon these Bohemians.

May the gracious Lord strengthen you abundantly for your good work. Please remember me very kindly to all the officers of the Society, and believe me, your very affectionate sister in Christ,—*Mary M. Schaufler.*

BY THE WAYSIDE.

DEAR FRIEND,—Having received the package of leaflets you kindly sent me only the day before I left home for Saratoga, I slipped them into my satchel for companions on my journey.

A bright, interesting looking young lady of eighteen occupied the section opposite me alone. Noticing that she had no reading, I ventured to pass over one of my leaflets, taking pains to select one with an attractive title. She took it and read it at once, and returned it with an expression which led me to hand her another; this she also read. Not wishing to seem obtrusive, I went on quietly with my book and did not offer her any more. But seeing them lie on my little table, she very soon said, "Have you any more?" when I gathered them all up and handed her.

Not long after, glancing up from my book, I saw she was busily engaged with her pencil and note-book, taking down extracts from one of the leaflets. Of course I was pleased and surprised at her evident interest, and felt anxious to understand her thought. Turning to me, she returned them all but one, asking that she might keep that a little longer to finish copying. "O keep it for your own," I replied.

In a few minutes she was sitting by my side, and we were having an earnest little talk upon missionary work. She explained to me that she was president of a mission circle in the town where she lived, and she was trying to gather materials for her meetings, and to learn all she could about methods of work.

You will be interested to know the leaflet that had especially absorbed her attention was not a story, but it was Mrs. A. E. Arnold's excellent and practical one, "Pray, Plan, Pay." It was indeed *refreshing* to see her young enthusiasm and eager desire to *learn*. It was a real pleasure to give her some suggestions about pledge-cards, mite-boxes, etc. She caught at them, and at once wanted to know where she could obtain them. I gave her your address, and told her beside, that *The Home Missionary* would be one of the most helpful and inspiring things she could have to read.

I need not add that I have *her* address, and shall be happy to remember her occasionally with pleasant reminders of my sympathy and interest in her mission work. Very sincerely,—Mrs. C. L. G.—*St. Louis, June, 1888.*

FROM THE GREEN MOUNTAINS.

At the all-day meeting of the officers and delegates of the Woman's Home Missionary Organizations, conducted by Mrs. Taintor, of Chicago, a Vermont lady rose and said, "I have been deeply interested in the papers and discussions of this royal band of women who represent the Woman's Unions of this country. I regret to say that I belong to an unorganized State; but personally *I am organized*!" This word was providentially used to open an earnest discussion among the thirty Vermont ladies in attendance upon the Saratoga Convention. After holding two special sessions, to which they invited Mrs. Taintor, Mrs. Lane, of Michigan, and Mrs. Biddle, of Connecticut, they organized a Union, *provisionally*, to be confirmed and ratified at the State Association to meet at Barre, June 12th.

The next word received at the Bible House, New York, upon this movement, came from a Western Home Missionary Superintendent, attending the Association, in the following message: "Hurrah for the women of Vermont! They have come into line, and have formed a VERMONT WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION."

Our readers may be interested in further particulars of this event, from the pen of "One who was there."

June 19, 1888.

I INCLOSE an order for home missionary literature to be distributed in our county, for the purpose of opening the eyes and stirring the hearts of the women in our Vermont churches.


You have without doubt heard that we succeeded in organizing a Woman's State Union at Barre, and I must tell you, we have started off with as grand a set of officers as you will find in any State! I have been anxious for such a Union for years, and I find that others have felt just as I have, but didn't know how to bring about an organization. I had resolved, after attending that Saratoga meeting, that *our* church should be a State Union all by itself, if no others would join! I did want our money to go into the work through these grand National Parent Societies, who can use it so wisely and so well; and then I do think we ought to help our own State Society, which carries such a burden.

Well, it is done! and I am glad and thankful. The gentlemen of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society helped us to organize, and asked us to assist in the support of a State evangelist, which all seemed ready to do. Mrs. Taintor, of Chicago, was with us, and we shall always be grateful for her efficient help.

Last Sabbath our Church Home Missionary Society called a special meeting after the Sunday-school to hear a letter from our last missionary barrel. I took advantage of the large attendance to report our action at Barre, and they passed resolutions at once to become auxiliary to the VERMONT WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION! I guess we are the first auxiliary to the new union, and I had the pleasure of becoming the first life member. *I was so afraid that some one would get in ahead of me!* My contribution was the first to reach our treasurer, Mrs. Fairbanks. I am so thankful she accepted our nomination. You know a society in Vermont wouldn't be complete without a "Fairbanks" on its executive board. We are very proud of that St. Johnsbury family.

I am appointed executive committee for our county. We haven't as much money in our corner of the State, but we mean to do as well as we can. Is it not a joy to be allowed to help on this glorious work! I do hope that Vermont will make as great advance as Connecticut, Michigan, and some other Unions have done. We need to be much in prayer this summer, that we may gain strength for a vigorous "Fall Campaign."

P. S. One word about your new leaflets. They are all excellent. I especially like "The Christ Visitor," "Bible Plan of Giving," "The Brown Towel," "In the Same Boat," "Is it I?" and "Pray, Plan, Pay."



OVERHEARD AT SARATOGA.

First Lady.—Our Sewing Society wants to make up a box of clothing for a home missionary family; but, I declare, I am almost discouraged. Dr. Coe has sent me five different families, and not one of them suits.

Second Lady.—What's the matter?

First Lady.—Well, one hadn't any children; another had too many. We sent for a family of four children, and when the blank came they were all boys, and we want to work for girls.

Third Lady.—I've been waiting *six months* for a family that will just match my family, in size and age, so that I can send my own and my husband's clothing, and that of our two boys, and three girls. Every month I write a letter about it, but so far they have not found me a suitable family.

Fourth Lady (with emphasis).—My good friends, Dr. Coe can't make missionary families to order, for you! You ought to get down on your knees and pray for grace to beg for the family in greatest need of your help! If it is small, take *two*. If it is large, put into your effort more money, more time, more work, and more prayer, and get a richer blessing to your souls!

MISSIONARY HORSE.

TO THE WOMAN'S H. M. UNION OF CONNECTICUT.—I have just received your generous check, which is to help buy me a horse. The loss of crops here last year cut my salary down very low. Then came the long and expensive sickness of my dear wife, which resulted in her death. When my horse died, and I was so crippled in my work I did not know what to do, I was tempted to believe that God was trying to show me that my work in the ministry was done. What poor weak mortals we are. How difficult it seems at times to walk by faith! Now I see that

“ Behind a frowning providence,
He hides a smiling face.”

O how good the dear Lord is! “Lord, increase my faith.” I see he has been whispering to his people, and they have obeyed. How we will rejoice together when we meet in his blessed kingdom above! Please tell the dear donors I am at a loss for language to express my feelings to them. I can now get me a horse for the Master's use, through their great kindness. May showers of blessings fall upon you, for your work of faith, and labor of love.—*Kansas*.

A WORD TO THE THOUGHTFUL

As I cannot attend the meeting of the American Home Missionary Society at Saratoga, I send my check towards helping forward the grand work. I shall think of that meeting, and pray for a special blessing upon it. You may be sure of my sincere sympathy.

How I do wish something could be done at the Woman's meeting to influence our Christian sisters to spend less on dress, and devote more money to the cause of Him, who, though rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we might be rich. Let us leave off the expensive and unbecoming fashions of the day and set a better fashion. It is not pleasant for one to stand alone in this matter, and excite remark by assuming a singular or peculiar attitude; but suppose a goodly number were to unite and discard many of the present superfluities of fashion for a plainer attire, I am sure a great many ladies would rejoice to follow such a leading. If I knew any of the women of influence, who will attend that meeting I would plead with them to plead with the multitude—that we might, as women, save more money to lay at the Master's feet this year, to carry his blessed Gospel to every part of our land, and the world.—*A Friend.*

FROM A FARMER'S WIFE.—*The Home Missionary* beguiles many a lonely moment while shut away in this solitude. I had supposed that all the hardship and trials incident to missionary life, were experienced by those in foreign lands; but since I began to read this magazine, it seems to me that nothing but the grace of God can sustain those who are laboring on the frontier of our own country.—*Vermont.*

VERY MUCH ALIVE!

THE false report of the death of Mrs. Drake of Iroquois, Dakota, which so startled her friends at Saratoga, has resulted in many letters of condolence to Mr. Drake. This missionary wife wishes those who still labor under the delusion, to know, that she was "never more alive" in her life than now! She has just returned from the "Northwestern Summer Institute of Dakota," held at Yankton, and writes:

"I am tired all over, but the Institute was GRAND! We also visited the Santee Mission in company with Rev. E. H. Carleton and wife. We hired a team together and drove thirty miles. We crossed the Missouri on a horse ferry opposite the Mission. The river was so high that the boat could not land. They stopped within a few rods of the shore, took the horses from the wagon, and lifted it out into the water, jumped the horses out after us, waded out and harnessed them again to the wagon, and we rode to the shore.

"We had a delightful time at the Mission. It was interesting to see the intelligence of these Indian pupils, many of them fine looking. A number graduate this week and go home to become missionaries to their own people: and they are fully qualified to do this. They are taught all sorts of trades, too. We visited their shops, and a scraper made by these Indians now adorns our front door-step.

"When we attempted to cross the big, muddy stream, on our return, we found the wind so high and the river on such a 'general rampage' we could not cross; so we drove down the Nebraska side, over bluffs, and bad roads, and finally reached the landing opposite Yankton Saturday night just in time to lose the ferry. We drove back four miles to Aten, where we were obliged to spend the Sabbath. The Lord's hand was in it, for there had been no meetings here for two years. The former minister had arrived and we had *four services* that day. I never saw people so gospel-hungry. We each preached. Four rose for prayers, one was converted, and several backsliders were reclaimed. It was a precious season. The hotel keeper wouldn't take a cent for our board, or that of our team;—said he ought to pay us for coming. How good God is!"

A PICTURE BOOK.—We want to thank the giver for that beautiful book sent to our children. There is no book-store, such as you have in New York and Boston, this side of the Mississippi River. We miss many such rare treats that those who live in the East continually enjoy. Perhaps on this account we doubly appreciate the thoughtful kindness of those who remember us in this way.—*Rev. H. J. Taylor, Anacortes, Fidalgo Island, W. T.*

ONE GLEANER.

"It is not an easy thing," says the lady delegate from Missouri to the Saratoga meeting, "to transport the perfume of a flower a thousand miles. Nevertheless, it was an earnest, wide-awake meeting from beginning to end, and one which ought to carry its influence a whole year, at least. Delegates were there from almost every State in the Union, each charged with a fire from above, and a zeal that is born of God. Self-denying missionaries were there from the frontier, with thrilling stories of actual experience which stirred our souls to their very depths. Warm friends of Home Missions were there who went away from the meetings warmer friends still—resolved to do more, and give more, and pray more for Home Missions than ever before."

This extract from *The Congregational Life*, voices the sentiment of every delegate, as it has been expressed through pri-

vate letters and public reports. The well-known pastor at New London, Ct., gave a generous portion of the "Friday evening hour" following the Saratoga Convention, to his wife, who presented to an attentive and deeply interested audience a full account of the ladies' meetings of the Convention. Among other pleasant allusions to the exercises, she said: "The reports and papers of women are said to contain, too often, a great amount of gush, and effort at rhetorical effects, but we had proof at these meetings that woman is learning to give her wise and helpful thought to the public, clearly, and simply, and so as to be heard. The speakers on this occasion were not afraid to make the effort to be heard, and, although the Wednesday afternoon meeting was held in the largest church, containing an audience of some fifteen hundred, their voices were clear and distinct, so that even in this regard the meeting was a great success.

"We noticed a number of *men* in the audience. This certainly is an advance upon meetings where the other sex is carefully excluded, or only admitted to arrange seats or open windows. But these ladies were like Deborah, who called upon Barak to deliver the land, *and who went up with him.*"

After reproducing the most interesting part of each address, this thorough gleaner closes her story with these words: "No one can attend the meetings of the American Home Missionary Society without experiencing a deepened interest, not merely in the work of this society, but in all Christian work, and a desire to have some share in it."

American College and Education Society.

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ROLLINS COLLEGE.

FROM THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE
AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

THERE has been satisfactory growth in the work of Rollins College during the year. On account of better provision for the education of children in the community the Training Department has been discontinued. In the Preparatory and Academic Departments there have been *eighty-three pupils*, a gain upon the previous year of twenty-nine. The *Grammar School* is doing necessary sub-preparatory work and has had

forty pupils. In college we have had a Sophomore class of two. We report a total of one hundred and twenty-five for the year. The home life in the cottages and Boarding Department has been managed to the universal satisfaction. The orderly conduct of the students is worthy of grateful mention. The religious atmosphere has been more marked than before. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in the place has had a large representation from the institution.

The Visitors of the General Congregational Association of Florida, in their annual report to the Association, say: "Work now being done in the Preparatory Department is college work in many Northern colleges. The deportment observed on the play-ground and streets, in the classroom and cottage, was admirable. The Boarding Department seemed to be managed admirably. Unquestionably Rollins College is and ought to be the right hand of this Association and of the Florida Home Missionary Society, and a leading force in all moral and religious progress on this peninsula."

Rev. Zachary Eddy, after a visit of inspection, wrote: "I believe that Rollins College is one of the most precious boons which the North has bestowed upon the South. From its organization Florida will reckon the era of its intellectual and religious regeneration."

Rev. A. E. Dunning, D.D., after a careful examination of the institution, wrote to the *Congregationalist*: "Rollins College has a noble corps of teachers, living on very small salaries. It has a great work to do for this wonderful State, and has begun to do it worthily. No college with which I am acquainted more needs generous gifts or can use them to greater advantage."

During the year A. W. Rollins, Esq., has died. He was one of the founders and a member of the Corporation from the beginning. The institution was named after him. He gave the Lord's money towards these foundations of Christian education. This is not an exception. The work has been builded by consecrated means. God is accepting the gift. This annual meeting lacks something. This winter lacks much. All this life and work are associated in our minds with the friend and fellow-worker who has gone. He has left us in the hope of immortality. The peace of that hope was within him as he heard the Master's call. We are a Christian body of men. We administer a Christian trust. Shall we not give it anew to Christ, and ourselves anew to him in this work? Then shall the year to come, and the years for many generations, be fruitful in this Southern service in the Master's name.

There is imperative need of funds. We are making an effort to secure one hundred subscriptions of one hundred dollars, each annually, for five years, that the present need may be relieved and that we may meanwhile turn to the work of permanent endowment. Ten of these subscriptions have been secured.

Appointments in June, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Abbott, Ephraim E., Sierra Madre, Cal.
 Mechttersheimer, George, Modesto, Cal.
 Nordstrom, David, Rush City, Minn.
 Van Ommeren, Hendrick, Andrews, Ind.

Re-commissioned.

Adams, Edwin A., Chicago, Ill.
 Andrews, David W., Hobart, Ross and Ainsworth, Ind.
 Bailey, James G., Rogers, Ark.
 Bement, Horace H., Vestaburg and Ferris, Mich.
 Bixby, Alanson, Sweetwater, Minn.
 Brainerd, Edward R., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Brearly, William H., Colvin and Jasper, So. Dak.
 Carter, Elijah, Dawson and Madison, Minn.
 Cash, Elijah, Eagle Rock, Edgemont and vicinity, Cal.
 Champlin, Oliver P., Rushford and vicinity, Minn.
 Childs, Truman D., Fowler City, Crooked Creek and Monterama, Kan.
 Clafin, Arthur H., Sheridan and out-stations, Mich.
 Colcord, Daniel H., Monrovia, Cal.
 Colwell, Henry J., Grand Meadow and Dexter, Minn.
 Cooper, James, Severy, Western Park and Green Valley, Kan.
 Crawford, Sidney, Tampa, Fla.
 Davis, Charles H., Ferris, Cal.
 Davis, David L., Carbondale, Penn.
 Delzell, Samuel W., San Jacinto, Cal.
 Drew, James B., St. Paul, Minn.
 Evans, Charles, Cardonia, Ind.
 Fordney, Daniel L., Cole Camp and Twin Springs, Mo.
 Foster, Jesse D., San Bernardino, Cal.
 Frame, Ezra E., Buffalo Gap, Dak.
 Frazee, John H., Knoxville, Tenn.
 Goodsell, Dennis, Westminster and out-stations, Cal.
 Gordan, Isaac G., Scappoose and out-stations, Or.
 Hall, George C., Astoria, Or.
 Hayes, James, Coal Bluff, Ind.

Horst, George, St. Louis, Mo.
 Howell, Edward B., Mojave, Cal.
 Hullinger, Frank W., Windsor, Mo.
 Huntington, John C., Pelican Rapids, Minn.
 Jenkins, David T., Lusk, Wyo.
 Jenkins, Josiah H., Mt. Dora, Fla.
 Jennings, Samuel J., Big Horn, Sheridan, Becton, and Prairie Dog, Wyo.
 Jones, Fred V., Almena, Kan.
 Jones, James V., Osage City, Kan.
 Jones, John, Coolville, Ohio.
 McCunn, Drummond, Hesperia and Victor, Cal.
 McDuffie, Samuel V., Orange City, Fla.
 McNeill, Samuel M., Sleepy Eye and out-station, Minn.
 Markham, Reuben F., Kirwin and out-station, Kan.
 Marlow, Richard T., Iberia and Unity, Mo.
 Minich, Daniel H., Gritzland and Rotate, Kan.
 Nagel, John, Fresno, Cal.
 Peterson, Mathias, Clear Lake, Star Prairie, New Richmond, Shell Lake and Richardson, Wis.
 Phillips, John H., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Rexford, George W., Armour and out-station, So. Dak.
 Richards, Emanuel, Buffalo Park, Collyer and Grinnell, Kan.
 Richards, Samuel, D.D., Riverdale, Mo.
 Schram, George A., North St. Paul, Minn.
 Seccombe, Charles, Springfield, Running Water and Loretta, So. Dak.
 Sherwood, Nathan M., Jersey City, N. J.
 Smith, J. H. B., Jetmore, Harold and Houston Kan.
 Starr, Michael A., Escondido, Cal.
 Steel, William, Stephen and Donaldson, Minn.
 Tenney, Marcus D., Neosho Falls, Geneva and Vernon, Kan.
 Tuthill, Edward B., San Miguel, Indian Valley and Monroe District, Cal.
 Welch, Moses C., Pomona, Fla.
 Wilde, James, Scatter Creek, Center Ridge and Mound Valley, Kan.
 White, Austin B., San Diego, Cal.
 Wurschmidt, Chr. W., Gen'l Miss. work in So. Dak.

Receipts in June, 1888.

MAINE—\$403.06; of which Legacy,
 \$300.00.

Bangor, Central Ch., by W. S. Dennett	\$25 00
Brunswick, Anonymous, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5 00
Gorham, Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Tyler, by Mrs. L. Hunt	300 00
First, by J. S. Leavitt, Jr.	28 08
Hampden, Cong. S. S., by C. F. Linna	12 00
Rockland, by E. M. Stubbs	18 00
Rockport, Mrs. H. M. Gulliver	5 00
Waterford, First, by J. S. Plummer	5 00
West Trenton, Mrs. A. K. Thompson, by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Maine Miss. Soc.	5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$46.59.

Antrim, Mrs. M. W. Holman	\$10 00
Concord, A Friend	5 00
Franklin, by Rev. D. McC. Kelsey	5 59
Hazen's Mills, A Friend	10 00
Hollis, A Friend	5 00
Sanbornton, by A. Moulton	9 00
Warner, Mrs. A. G. H. Eaton	2 00

VERMONT—\$336.84.

Received by J. C. Emery, Treas.

Vt. Dom. Miss. Soc.:	
Barnet, S. S.	\$17 85
Springfield, A Friend	1 00
Woodstock, Mrs. S. A. Walker	1 00
Mrs. L. A. Judd	2 00

21 85

Manchester, Ch., \$21.99; Miss Ellen Hawley, \$30; S. G. Cone, \$23, by S. G. Cone	\$66 99
Middlebury, Mary Mathews	1 00
Springfield, by R. F. Aldrich	247 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$2,165.41; of which Legacies, \$2,506.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.	500 00
By request of Donors, special.	75 00
For work among Foreigners in the West.	4,500 00
Acushnet, New Bedford, First Ch., by Rev. S. C. Bushnell	97 89
Amherst, South Ch., by J. E. Merritt	7 00
"The King's Daughters," special, by Miss Annie L. Fanley, Treas.	40 00
W. M. Graves, \$10; A Friend, \$15, by W. M. Graves.	25 00
J.	1 00
Athol, F. C. Parmenter	10 00
Boston, A Friend, special.	25 00
Boxford, First, by J. Sawyer	53 18
Dorchester, Mrs. J. H. Means, special	5 00
East Bridgewater, Union Ch., by G. M. Keith	8 41
Fitchburg, Mrs. E. G. Tobey	3 00
Gloucester, Mrs. N. E. Brooks	10 00
Hadley, Russell Ch.	24 20
Lee, A Friend, special	1 00
Lenox, by E. Barrett	47 00
Medford, Rev. J. L. Hill	10 00
Merrimac, Mrs. S. B. Sawyer	40 00
Milton, Mrs. E. E. V. Field	5 00
Natick, First, by R. H. Randall	300 00
Newburyport, from a S. S. Class in the North Ch., by Ann P. Bassett	5 00
Three Friends, for Mo. Pelt Fund.	15 00
North Belchertown, Woman's Miss. and Benev. Soc., by Mrs. R. Harmon, of which \$4, for Work in Utah.	8 33
Northborough, Mrs. H. B. Day	5 00
Oxford, Legacy of Mary De Witt, with interest, by W. Newton and C. A. Angell, Exs.	506 00
Pittsfield, A Friend, for Children's Bohemian Fund.	2 00
Rev. E. Strong, D.D., \$30; Mrs. Edward Strong, to const. herself a L. M., \$50	70 00
Quincy, J. H. Wheble	1 00
South Egremont, Cong. S. S., by E. W. Ward	10 00
Springfield, Miss Carrie E. Bowdoin, in full, to const. Miss Georgiana Moore a L. M.	10 00
Stockbridge, A Lady Friend	5 00
Tewksbury, by E. Foster	22 00
Webster, by Rev. H. C. Simmons	16 00
Western Massachusetts, special for the German Sem. at Crete, Neb.	100 00
Whitinsville, Miss Annie L. Whitin, special	100 00
Wilkinsonville, Legacy of W. R. Hill, by E. B. W. and C. W. Hill, Ex's.	2,000 00
Worcester, Salem Street Ch., by E. Tucker, Jr.	42 00
W. H. Sawyer	500 00
J. L. W.	1 00

RHODE ISLAND—\$1,808.25; of which Legacy, \$1,805.00.

Bristol, First Ch. add'l, by P. Skinner, Jr.	3 25
Providence, Legacy of Anthony B. Arnold, by J. H. Cheever, Ex.	1,805 00

CONNECTICUT—\$5,441.46, of which Legacy, \$5,250.00.

Received by F. T. Jarman:	
New Haven, United Ch.	\$308 40
North Haven, E. Dickerman.	2 00
	\$305 40

Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Fairfield, Aux., Mrs. J. A. Kippen, \$1; A Friend, \$1.	\$2
Suffield, Young Ladies' H. M. Circle, special.	10 00
	\$12 00

Bethlehem, The Willing Helpers, by Mrs. S. P. Hayes, for Children's Bohemian Fund	1 00
Bloomfield, by E. B. Rowley	15 00
Bridgeport, C. M. Minor, special, for the German Sem. at Crete, Neb.	10 00
Bristol, by E. Peck	139 14
Cheshire, J. L. Foote	10 00
Chester, A Tenth	10 00
Colchester, Mrs. C. C. Destin, for "The Mo. Pelt Fund"	1 00
Connecticut, A Friend	100 00
Green's Farms, by S. B. Sherwood	53 50
Greenwich, Second, by L. P. Hubbard	31 72
A.	100 00
Hadlyme, by B. E. Hungerford	4 00
Hartford, Mrs. L. C. D.	100 00
Litchfield, A Friend	5 00
Middletown, Legacy of Mrs. Jane Hubbard, by Miss S. C. Clark, Ex.	5,250 00
South Cong. S. S. \$50; Mrs. Ann Crittenden, \$5, by E. Payne, for Salary Fund.	55 00
Good Will Soc. in the South Ch., by E. Payne for Salary Fund.	10 00
New Haven, First Ch., by F. S. Bradley	152 45
Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch., by Miss E. C. Bradley, for Salary Fund.	114 00
Yale University Chapel, add'l, by L. E. Osborn	24 00
Mrs. L. H. Eastman, special.	1 00
Newington, Ch. and S. S., for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Rev. J. O. Barrows	15 00
Plainville, A Friend, in full, to const. Willie Ensign a L. M.	12 50
Sharon, Mrs. O. Brazee	75
Simsbury, P. G. Clark, for Scandinavian Fund	1 00
Stratford, A Friend, for "The Mo. Pelt Fund"	2 00
Watertown, W. S. M.	5 00
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Morrisville	7 55
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Rochester	27 32
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Buffalo, Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Cong. Ch., special, by W. H. Grein.	5 00
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Saratoga Springs, Coll. at Meeting of Officers Woman's H. M. Union, for expense of printing.....		18 20	Chattanooga, Contents of a Miss'y Box, special, by Mrs. A. S. Steele....	
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SOUTH CAROLINA—\$3.00.			INDIANA—\$29.68.	
Spartanburg, Mrs. W. B. Hallett.....		3 00	Received by Rev. E. D. Curtis: Bremen.....	
ARKANSAS—\$5.00.			Dea. J. J. Wright.....	
Rogers, Rev. J. G. Bailey.....		5 00	South Vigo.....	
FLORIDA—\$43.57.			Angola, Ladies' Miss. Union of Cong. Ch., by Rev. F. E. Knoff.....	
Daytona, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. L. C. Partridge.....		10 00	Hammond, by Rev. W. W. Lineberry.....	
Interlachen, by Rev. W. D. Brown.....		16 00	Ontario, by Rev. J. R. Preston.....	
Norwalk and Kerr City, by Rev. B. T. Stafford.....		2 50	ILLINOIS—\$48.30.	
Pomona, by Rev. M. C. Welch.....		3 56	Bloomington, A Friend.....	
Tavares, by Rev. A. T. Clarke.....		11 54	Chicago, Leavitt Street Ch., by W. R. Townsend.....	
			Rev. E. A. Adams.....	
			East Paw Paw, Mary E. Breed.....	
			Ivanhoe, Mrs. S. Sanford.....	

MISSOURI—\$57.21.

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Edon, L. H. M. S.	\$5 00
Lamar, L. H. M. S.	1 00
Springfield, L. H. M. S. of	
First Ch.	1 00
Webster Groves, L. H. M. S. of	
Cong. Ch.	10 00
Hannibal, by Rev. G. T. Holcombe...	\$17 00
Louis, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, for ex-	5 50
pense of printing.	25 00
Windsor, by Rev. F. W. Hullinger...	9 71

MICHIGAN—\$308.80.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Duncan City, Woman's Miss.	
Society, for Scandinavian	
Work.	\$36 00
Owosso, Cong. S. S., for North	
Star Mission.	4 00
Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabbill,	
Treas. Woman's Home Miss.	
Union:	
Carson City, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
proceeds of two concerts...	\$4 50
Detroit, Thompson Avenue,	
Ladies' Miss. Soc.	5 00
Dorr.	6 00
Eaton Rapids, Mite Boxes.	7 00
Greenville.	11 25
Hamburg.	2 80
Olivet, Ladies' Benev. Soc.	15 00
Standish, Miss Abbie Walker.	2 50
	54 15

North Star Mission:	
Brainard, Dak., Amy L. North.	50
Coloma, S. S.	90
Covert, Band of Hope Miss.	
Soc. concert.	3 10
Detroit, Ft. Wayne, S. S.	1 80
Eaton Rapids, S. S., add'l.	4 50
Farwell, S. S.	9 00
Payette, S. S., add'l.	50
Plint, S. S., add'l.	6 75
Garden, S. S.	1 80
Greenville, S. S., add'l.	10
Hopkins, Bradley, S. S.	3 30
Jackson, S. S.	21 22
Kalamo, S. S.	3 60
Kalamazoo, Miss Jessie B.	
Weed.	10 00
Lansing, S. S., M. Soc.	80
Luther, Miss Mary Fletcher.	25
Michigan Center, S. S.	3 00
Nahma, S. S.	30
North Adams, S. S.	5 00
Olivet, A. Friend.	1 50
Ovid, "Helping Hand Soc."	3 66
Pinckney.	8 80
St. Joseph, S. S.	1 00
Waconia.	1 50
Watervliet, Stickney School-	
house, S. S. add'l.	10
	80 58

Banks, by Rev. P. F. McClelland.	134 73
Bay Mills and Superior, by Rev. I. B.	9 60
Lillie.	2 53
Brantley, Hopkins, and Hopkins Sta-	
tion, by Rev. W. De Fay.	5 00
Charlevoix, by Rev. A. O. Lowne.	8 00
Cheboygan, by Rev. W. S. Bugbey.	7 35
Columbus, by Rev. W. I. Hunt.	8 34
Grand Haven, by Rev. R. Lewis.	16 15
Oxford, by Rev. J. K. Wells.	8 00
Port Sanilac and Carsonville, by Rev.	
M. H. Wright.	14 90
St. Louis, by Rev. W. Woodmansee.	5 75
Sand Lake and Cedar Springs, by Rev.	
E. C. Herrington.	5 00
Tyrons, by Rev. J. F. Kellogg.	4 45
Vernon, by Rev. F. W. Bash.	10 00

WISCONSIN—\$30.80.

Marinette, by Rev. A. H. Nelson.	\$5 00
Wauwatosa, by Rev. M. E. Evers.	15 30
West Superior, by Rev. F. T. Rouse.	10 50

IOWA—\$12.00.

Cherokee, C. E. Wellman, for Mo. Pelt	
Fund.	5 00
Goldfield, C. Philbrook.	3 00
Muscatine, A. Friend, "Mo. Pelt Fund"	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$503.85.

Received by J. H. Morley, May and	
June:	
Brainerd, by F. M. Cable.	\$30 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth.	89 50
Lake City.	12 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth.	65 00
Rochester, Mrs. M. C. Sias.	50
Winona, Lake Side Mission	
Class of Boys.	1 00
Zumbrota, Swedish Mission	
Ch., by Rev. J. Rood.	1 25
	189 25

By Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas. Wo-	
man's H. M. Soc.:	
Duluth, Friends in Council,	
special.	5 00
Faribault, Mrs. T. C. Adams.	5 00
Minneapolis, Second Ch.,	
Mission S. S. Class, \$17.70;	
Special by Ladies, \$30.	37 70
Vine Ch., W. M. S.	10 00
Plymouth.	52 00
Mrs. E. S. Jones, \$25;	
Mrs. S. C. Gale, \$25;	
Mrs. D. R. Barber, \$10;	
Mrs. J. E. Bell, \$10.	70 00
Lady, 50 c.; Mrs. O. J. Grif-	
fith, \$4; Mrs. J. G. Smith,	
\$5; Mrs. H. G. Lyman, \$3;	
J. R. Buchanan, \$3; R. E.	
Borbridge, \$1; G. R. Ly-	
man, \$3; Mrs. E. S. Wil-	
liams, \$40.	59 50
Morris.	2 00
St. Paul, Park Ch.	15 00
Zumbrota.	9 00
	985 20

Ada, by Rev. S. Stone.	454 45
Cabel, and Sauk Rapids, by Rev. P.	14 25
S. Smith.	4 00
Dassel, Lyle, and Preston Lake, by	
Rev. W. J. Parmelee.	90
Minneapolis, by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher.	30 00
by Rev. K. F. Norris.	5 00
Villard, by Rev. E. N. Ruddock.	5 60
Worthington, Mrs. L. H. Clarke, for	
"Mo. Pelt Fund".	25

KANSAS—\$61.62.

Received by Rev. W. C. Veazie:	
Almena.	\$5 50
Gaylord.	2 50
New Lebanon.	3 96
Oneida.	5 21
Wano.	5 00
	22 17
Bird City and Cella, by Rev. L. A.	
Smith.	2 50
Ford and Pleasant Vale, by Rev. J. E.	
Courter.	1 00
Greenleaf, A. Childs.	15 00
Kingman City, J. P. Ross.	5 00
Louisville and Mt. Union, by Rev. W.	
B. Fisher.	2 00
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake.	3 25
Wabaunsee, Ch. of Christ, by Rev. J.	
F. Willard.	2 20
Wichita, by Rev. T. W. Minnie.	8 50

NEBRASKA—\$160.12.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maille:	
Arberville, by F. N. Becknor	\$16 00
Eagle, by Rev. W. S. Hills	13 08
Fairmont, by Amblers Bros.	
& Co.	9 28
Geneva, by S. W. Burton	5 00
Hastings, Friends, by Rev.	
W. Walters	1 60
Steele City, by Rev. H. J. Ma-	
comber	3 00
Syracuse, by Rev. E. H. Ba-	
ker	3 00
by J. A. Melville	3 50
S. S. by F. Hull	2 04

By Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Blair	5 50
Fremont	12 50
King's Volunteers	10 00
Irvington	15 00
Sutton	3 00

Doniphan, North Hastings and Trum-	46 00	\$102 54
bull, by Rev. J. H. Embree	5 00	
Freewater and Moline, by Rev. J. W.		
Hadden	4 73	
Grand Island, by Rev. D. W. Comstock	1 40	
Greenwood, by D. M. Quackenbush	9 85	
Inland, by Rev. G. Grob	2 70	
by Rev. M. E. Everss	1 00	
Lakeside, \$4.10; Willow Valley, \$4.08,		
by Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson	8 18	
Leigh and Howells, by Rev. G. R. Par-	6 70	
lah		
Mason and Alpine, by Rev. W. S.		
Houston	4 00	
Riverton, by Rev. W. S. Hampton	7 00	
Rushville, by Rev. P. St. Clair	7 00	

NORTH DAKOTA—\$36.00.

Armenia, by Rev. H. C. Simmons	\$10 00
Carrington, by Rev. C. T. Whittlesey	15 00
Dawson and Tappan, by Rev. A. J.	
Pike	9 00
Sanborn, by Rev. J. W. Donaldson	2 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$75.17.

Received by Rev. D. R. Tomlin:	
Canova	\$14 14
Faulkton	1 80
Howard City	8 00
Lake Preston	10 00
Armour, by Rev. G. W. Rexford	88 44
Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger	10 00
Custer City, by Rev. H. Gross	5 27
Deadwood, Woman's Miss. Soc. of	2 90
Cong. Ch., by Mrs. G. L. Mochel	
Powell, by Rev. J. F. Lewis	10 00
Wakonda, by Rev. J. Lee	4 69
	8 87

COLORADO—\$162.35.

Received by Rev. C. M. Sanders:	
Arkansas Valley Assoc.	\$6 05
D. W. Bradley	2 00
Boulder, Ch.	8 05
Colorado Springs, First Ch., by J. B.	17 50
Severy	78 80
Denver, by Rev. E. H. Ashmun	30 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. King	30 00

MONTANA—\$12.00.

Butte City, by Rev. J. B. Clark	2 00
Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler	10 00

UTAH—\$2.50.

Salt Lake City, Plymouth S. S., by Miss	
Anna Baker	2 50

CALIFORNIA—\$1,001.48; of which
Legacy, \$500.00.

San Bernardino, Highland S. S., by G.	
E. Alpin	1 48
San Francisco, A Friend	500 00
Santa Barbara, Legacy of Salmon R.	
Weldon, by Rev. C. T. Weitzel, to	
const. J. F. Metcalf, H. Deera, M. C.	
Kittridge, J. P. Beckstead, H. R.	
Hitchcock, E. E. Packard, J. T.	
Peed, Dera Jennings, Bertha Guild	
and Annie H. Hosmer L. Ms.	500 00

OREGON—\$151.20.

Arlington and Pasco, by Rev. D. Wirt	32 10
Forest Grove, by Rev. C. F. Wood	112 50
Grass Valley, by Rev. W. S. Runyan	3 00
Pendleton, by Rev. O. W. Lucas	3 20
Scappoose, by Rev. I. G. Gordan	1 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$111.75.

Half Moon and Spokane Falls, by Rev.	
J. Edwards	8 00
Lake View, \$2.50; Steilacoom, \$17, by	
Rev. C. E. Newberry	26 50
Pullman and Union Flat, by Rev. J.	
Davies	5 00
Seattle, Plymouth Ch., by Rev. H. L.	
Bates, add'l and in full, to const. J.	
H. Sanderson a L. M.	25 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by	
Mrs. L. C. Reeves	24 75
Semlahmoo and West Ferndale, by	
Rev. G. Baker	2 50
Walla Walla, First, by Anna Hill	20 00
HOME MISSIONARY	23 52
	\$229,205 42

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Canaan, N. H., Cong. Ch. by Mrs. J. N.	
Blodgett, Franklin, N. H., Commun-	
ication Service for Mrs. Pickett's Rocky	
Mountain Church	
Lincoln, Neb., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch.,	
by Laura A. Boehmer, box and cash	\$107 13
Rutland, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Assoc.,	
by Mrs. D. C. Putnam, barrel and	
freight	23 00
Waterbury, Ct., Woman's Benev. Soc. of	
Second Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Hill, box	
and freight	95 90

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from
May 5, to May 22, 1883, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.

Auburn, High St. Ch., by G. R. Page, Tr.	\$250 00
Bangor, 1st Parish S. S., by C. A.	
Bailey, Tr.	15 82
Bath, Central Ch. and Soc., by F. S. Par-	
tridge, Tr.	30 00
Benton, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. T. P.	
Williams	7 13
Bethel, "A Friend," by Rev. S. L. Bow-	
ler	5 00
Boothbay, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. E.	
Adams	10 15
Brownfield, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. H. V.	
Emmons	6 98
Brownville, Ch., by Rev. W. H. Mc-	
Bride	8 50
East Baldwin, Ch., \$5; A Friend, \$1; by	
Mrs. Frank Brown	6 00
Eliot, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. James	
Lade	25 00

Ellsworth, Ch., by Erastus Redman, Esq., \$20 of which to const. Rev. C. F. W. Hubbard, a L. M.	\$40 50
Holden, Ch., by Rev. S. W. Chapin	6 00
Island Falls, Ch., by Rev. Vincent Moses	10 00
Jonesport, Ch., by Rev. E. L. Walbridge	26 50
Kennebunk Union Ch. and Soc., Jos. Tinscomb, Esq.	22 88
Litchfield, Cor. Ch. and Soc., by D. T. Smith, Tr.	11 00
Machias, Center St. Cong. Ch., by A. L. Heaton, Tr., with other donations to const. Thomas Boynton a L. M.	11 22
Madison, Ch., by Rev. C. S. Wilder	50 00
Milford, Ch., by E. F. Duren, Esq.	4 00
Monson, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. W. G. Mann	15 00
Patten, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. Vincent Moses	15 00
Phillipsburg, Ch., by Rev. Chas. Dame	8 10
Portland, Fourth Ch., by Rev. J. G. Wilson	15 00
Richmond, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. Wm. Curtis	10 00
Robbinston, Ch. and Soc., by Mrs. S. N. Allen, Tr.	10 00
Sebago, Soc., by Miss A. M. Lowell	12 70
Sherman Mills, Ch., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus	6 00
Skowhegan, Island Avenue Ch., by Rev. A. Wiswell	13 00
Standish, Ch. and Soc., by Miss A. M. Lowell	2 30
Stow and Chatham, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. H. Farrar	9 00
Tremont, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. A. Redlon	16 60
Union, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. F. V. Norcross	7 00
West Auburn, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams	20 45
Winslow, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. T. P. Williams	20 27
Winthrop, Mrs. Stephen Sewall	10 00
" Mrs. Lydia T. Fairbanks (in part for L. M.)	10 00
Woolwich, Ch., by Rev. H. O. Thayer	14 50
Yarmouth, 1st Ch., add'l, by C. L. Marston, Tr.	15 00
York, 2nd Ch. and Soc., by J. H. Moody	12 00
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary	361 75
Dividends	51 50
Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec., for preaching	10 00

Previously acknowledged..... \$1,304 58
12,582 00

Total from June 13, 1887, to date..... \$13,786 58

Receipts from May 29, to June 12, 1888.

Bangor, First Ch. and Soc., by W. P. Hubbard, Tr.	\$55 00
Hammond St. Ch. and Soc., by Geo. Webster, Tr.	88 25
Central Ch. and Soc., W. S. Dennett, Tr.	75 00
Bath, Winter St. Ch. and Soc., by G. J. Mitchell, Tr.	312 00
Belfast, First Ch. and Soc., by E. P. Field, Tr.	80 00
Brewer, First Ch. and Soc., G. A. Snow, Tr.	15 00
Buxton, Ch., by Rev. G. W. Johnston	6 67
Dexter, Ch., by Augustus Cummings, Tr.	6 50
East Bangor, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.	3 00
East Orrington, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. E. A. Harlow	7 25
Foxcroft and Dover, Ch. and Soc., by C. H. B. Woodbury, Tr.	20 00
Garland, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. P. B. Thayer	10 00

Hampden, Ch., by Dea. E. F. Duren	\$4 24
Limerick, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. T. S. Perry	18 88
Madison, Ch. and Soc., add'l, by Rev. C. S. Wilder	1 00
Norridgewock, Ch., by C. E. Warren, Tr.	30 00
Add'l, by Rev. B. Tappan, D.D.	2 00
North Edgcomb, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. C. G. Holyoke, (rec'd May 19, omitted in previous acknowledgment)	36 12
Portland, Wm. W. Mitchell, Esq., to const. Mrs. Abbie W. Mitchell a L. M.	20 00
State St. Ch., by W. S. Corey, Tr.	200 00
Princeton, Ch. and Soc., by S. G. Spooner, Tr., to const. Rev. J. E. Atkins, a L. M.	20 00
South Bridgton, Ch. and Soc., by F. W. Sanborn, (rec'd May 19, omitted in previous acknowledgment)	8 66
Vassalboro, Adams Memorial Ch., by E. M. Dunham, Tr.	5 00
Waldoboro, First Ch., by Rev. R. P. Gardner	10 00
Woolwich, Ch., add'l, by Rev. H. O. Thayer	1 00
York, First Ch. and Soc., by Rev. Joseph Sewall, Tr.	35 00
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, by Tr.	648 62

Previously acknowledged..... \$1,718 69
12,786 58

Total receipts from June 12, 1887, to date..... \$15,505 27

ERRATUM.—In the acknowledgment published May 29, 1888, the credits to Sebago and Standish should read \$4.70 and \$10.20 respectively, instead of as then printed.

WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY, MRS. ROSEB. CROSBY, TREAS.

Receipts from May 29, to June 12, 1888.

Auburn, Sixth St. Ch., Ladies' Aux., by Mrs. Wm. Maloon	\$10 00
Bangor, First Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. Quimby	13 00
From Miss Mary G. Stackpole	5 00
Hammond St., Ladies, by Mrs. Gertrude A. Denio, \$40 of which to const. Rev. Edwin A. Harlow and Mrs. Ellen E. Harlow L. M.	56 63
Central Ch., by W. S. Dennett, Tr.	25 00
Central Aid, by Miss Pearl	63 50
Brewer Village, W. M. M. Aux., by Miss E. L. Long	12 25
Calais, Ladies' Circle, by Mrs. F. P. McCully	25 00
Caribon, Ladies' Five Cent Aid Soc., by Mrs. P. S. Gould	10 25
Deer Isle, Ladies' Cent Soc., by Mrs. L. I. Spofford	8 00
Dexter, Ladies of Cong. Ch. and Soc., by Mrs. J. W. Crosby (May, 1888)	4 50
East Orrington, Aux., by Miss Maria George	4 00
Eastport, Auxiliary, by Miss M. Eva Tenney	4 40
Fort Fairfield, W. M. M. Aux., by Mrs. H. O. Perry	9 53
Golden Ridge, Ladies, by Miss M. E. Hanson (May, 1888)	1 72
Foxcroft and Dover, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. D. A. Morehouse	25 60
Garland, Ladies of Cong. Ch., add'l, by Miss Susan O. Curtis	10 00

Hampden, Ladies' Aid, by Miss S. O. Curtis.....	\$3 50
Jonesport, Woman's Miss'y Aux., by Mrs. E. L. Walbridge.....	5 00
North Bridgton, Ladies, by Mrs. C. C. Farnsworth.....	5 00
Norway, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Olive S. Hillyer.....	9 00
Oldtown, Branch of W. M. M. Aux., by Mrs. A. M. Hilliard.....	5 00
Orland, Friends.....	6 20
Orono, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. M. L. Fernald.....	5 00
Perry, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Chas. A. Leighton.....	3 00
Piscataquis Conference, by Mrs. D. A. Morehouse.....	2 50
Portland, High St. Ch., by H. W. Shaylor, Tr.....	36 25
State St. Ch., by W. S. Corey, Tr.....	75 00
Williston, Woman's Aux., by Mrs. M. E. Snell.....	36 20
Princeton, Ladies of Cong. Soc., by Mrs. John M. Curdy.....	16 00
Sherman Mills, Ladies (May, 1888), by Miss M. E. Hanson.....	7 68
Silver Ridge, Mrs. M. A. Spooner, by Miss M. E. Hanson.....	1 00
South Berwick, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis.....	32 09
South Freeport, Mrs. L. Stoddard, by Mrs. Eliza W. Soule.....	1 04
Waldoboro, First Ch., W. M. M. Aux., by Mrs. Belle G. Gardner.....	5 00
Woodford, Maine Miss'y Aux., by Mrs. W. H. Scott.....	11 55

Previously acknowledged \$561 41
\$1,078 96

Total receipts from June 11, 1887, to date..... \$1,540 37

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, from April 1, 1888, to May 31, 1888.
L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Atkinson.....	\$6 08
Amherst.....	29 48
Bennington.....	12 08
Center Harbor.....	10 00
Chatham.....	2 00
Concord, East, A Friend, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Derry, East, Legacy of Elizabeth P. Taylor.....	500 00
Franklin.....	20 00
Hill.....	11 09
Hollis.....	16 53
Keene.....	28 09
Kingston.....	10 22
Marlboro.....	8 23
Mount Vernon, J. A. Stowell, \$5; Ch. and Soc. \$5, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Nashua, First.....	53 00
New Ipswich, \$1.33 for A. H. M. S.....	2 43
Peterborough.....	6 00
Penacook, Mrs. A. W. Fisk, for A. H. M. S.....	5 80
Rindge.....	9 00
Sullivan.....	5 36
Webster, Legacy of John Sanborn.....	100 00
Winchester, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., to const. Mrs. Ellen M. Wardwell and Mrs. Helen Jewell L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	
Windham, Legacy of Miss Achsah Hemphill.....	50 00
New Hampshire Cent Society.....	12 60

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in June, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Anburn, by Rev. S. D. Hosmer, for A. H. M. S.....	\$24 00
Beverly, Norwood, Mrs. Seth.....	1 00
Boston, Adams, C. P., for Crete Academy, Nebraska.....	100 00
A Friend, X.....	12 75
Boylston, by F. J. Leighton.....	
On account of special services enjoyed, by F. J. Leighton.....	183 37
Denison, J. N., special.....	50 00
Roxbury, Eliot, by Alpine McLean.....	9 20
Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.....	94 25
West, South Evan., by J. M. Gaild.....	23 80
"T." A Friend.....	7 50
Boxboro, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. Geo. A. Perkins.....	8 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	217 00
Carter, Sabra, Fund, Income of.....	7 50
Conway, Aldrich, Mrs. Harriet E.....	1 00
Danvers Center, First, by George Tapley.....	68 19
Deerfield, Orth., by Rev. A. A. Hason, D.D., add'l.....	13 00
Douglas, A Friend, Thank-offering, by Rev. James Wells.....	5 00
First, by Rev. James Wells.....	18 40
Dover, Second, by J. W. Higgins.....	14 25
Enfield, by L. D. Potter.....	75 00
Fairhaven, "M.".....	5 00
Greenfield, Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk.....	41 18
Hale, E. J. M., Fund, Income of.....	112 50
Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Treas.:.....	
Chicopee, Second.....	\$26 31
Holyoke, First.....	22 66
Longmeadow, East.....	26 00
Granville, West.....	10 00
Palmer, Three Rivers, Union Evan.....	20 52
South Hadley Falls.....	16 00
Springfield, Indian Orchard.....	19 54
Memorial.....	100 00
Olivet.....	25 20
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Peirce.....	8 00
Holland, An invalid.....	5 00
Hyde Park, First, S. S., by C. F. Holt.....	42 00
Woman's H. M. Union, by Mrs. C. F. Vaughan, towards salary of a home missionary, and L. M'p. of Mrs. C. L. Green.....	40 00
Lakeville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	4 17
" and Taunton Precinct, by C. F. Paul.....	11 08
Lowell, High St., by Geo. W. Ely.....	195 86
Pawtucket, by S. B. Simonds.....	51 50
Massachusetts, " for Western work.".....	10 00
Medford, West, by E. C. Smith.....	13 37
Special, for "Foreign Dept' Chi. Theo. Sem.," by E. C. Smith.....	25 00
Milton, First Evan., Two Friends.....	10 00
New Bedford, Trin., by Robert G. Tobey.....	80 21
Newburyport, Belleville, by Benj. Hale.....	247 00
Newton, Aburndale, by C. C. Burr.....	435 33
Northampton, First, by J. H. Searle.....	259 87
North Andover, Pratt, Miss H. J. Rea, Letitia A., to const. self a L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Northfield, Trin., by Miss M. F. Dutton.....	71 50
Norwood, Est. of Miss Cordelia Dupee, by Lemuel N. Fuller, Admin'r W. W. A.....	50 00
Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton.....	90 00
Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	47 50
Special.....	5 00
Rochester, North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	7 56

Somerville, West, Day St. Ladies' Miss. Society, by Mrs. Warren Upham, for A. H. M. S.	\$5 00
Southfield, Canfield, Mrs. E. S.	2 00
Southville, by Rev. T. A. Merrill	10 50
Sudbury, Union, by Dexter Jones	90 00
Taunton, East, by E. W. Cain	5 00
Townsend, by J. M. Boutelle	26 25
Uxbridge, Evan., by W. W. Thayer	34 60
Webster, First, by E. L. Spaulding, for Fr. Prot. College	2 00
Wellfleet, South, by Rev. Joshua S. Gay	10 00
West Brookfield, by C. T. Huntington	47 55
Westport, Pacific Union S. S., by J. C. Macomber	7 47
Weymouth, South, Second, by Rev. H. C. Alvord	33 00
Winchendon, North, by Rev. Davis Foster	12 00
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan	32 48
" Ladies, by Miss E. D.	
Chapin, special	18 50
Worcester, Union, by S. Newton	319 62
Yarmouth, First, by Rev. John W. Dodge	60 00
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Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Soc., in June.

Newton, Elliot, Ladies, by Mrs. E. J. Locke, two barrels and freight	\$308 02
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MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, in June, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Coventry, Second, by E. C. Chapman, to const. Henry R. Hoisington, Jr., of Coventry, a L. M.	\$59 00
Darien, by M. S. Mather, ann'l.	40 00
Derby, Birmingham, by James Ewen	20 68
Fairfield, First, by O. B. Jennings, ann'l for A. H. M. S., \$50 of which is from Oliver B. Jennings, to const. Edwin S. Randolph, of Fairfield, a L. M.	100 73

Franklin, by Rev. H. E. Hart	\$8 00
Glastonbury, Buckingham, by Rev. A. Gardner	3 50
Hartford, Pearl Street, by Dea. George M. Welch, \$32; W. W. Jacobs, \$5	37 00
Hebron, Gilead, by Josiah C. Gilbert	42 00
Killingworth, by N. H. Everts	15 47
Liebon, by Rev. Q. M. Bosworth	15 00
Mansfield, Second, Mrs. George F. King	1 00
Meriden, First, by William H. Catlin	100 00
New Haven, First, by E. S. Bradley, \$147.95; Supplementary, \$4.50	152 45
Taylor, by John Adams	8 00
United, by F. T. Jarman	101 70
Newington, by H. M. Robbins, \$19.44; add'l, \$13.21	22 65
New Milford, by C. H. Noble	82 57
Norwich, Broadway, by S. B. Bishop	200 08
Greenville, by F. W. Carey	12 28
Orange, by S. D. Woodruff, special	12 90
Ridgefield, by A. Y. Paddock, for A. H. M. S., to const. Rev. William W. Leete of Ridgefield, a L. M.	57 71
Salem, by Rev. Jairus Ordway, \$24; add'l, \$10.25	34 25
Southington, Plantsville, by E. P. Hotchkiss	121 48
Thomaston, by P. Darrow, \$17.23; \$4.30	61 53
Vernon, Rockville, Second, Sunday-school, by S. T. Noble	15 00
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WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged	\$5,552 93
Connecticut, Middletown, \$35; New Haven, \$14	179 00
District of Columbia, Washington	70 00
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	\$5,801 93

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged	\$2,596 82
Connecticut, Bethlehem, \$1; Newington, \$15	16 00
Massachusetts, Pittsfield	2 00
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	\$2,614 82

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org.
1808, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
Maine Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June,
1880, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, Bangor, Sec.
Michigan Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing,
Sec.
Kansas Woman's Home Missionary Society, org.
Oct., 1881, Mrs. Geo. L. Epps, Topeka, Sec.
Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1883, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.
New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. William Spaulding, 6
Salmon Block, Syracuse, Sec.
Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Soci-
ety, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Har-
wood, Sec.
Oregon, { Woman's Home Missionary Soci-
Washington, { ety, org. July, 1884, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh,
Walla Walla, Sec.
South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary
Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young
Sioux Falls, Sec.

Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hart-
ford, Sec.
Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society,
org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. F. Bronson, 3100
Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
June, 1885, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
California, Woman's Home Missionary Society
org. Oct., 1867, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, San
Francisco, Sec.
Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
Florida, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. Feb. 1888, Mrs. N. Barrows, Winter
Park, Sec.
Indiana, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org.
May, 1888, Mrs. W. E. Mosaman, Fort Wayne,
Sec.
Southern California, Woman's Home Missionary
Union, org. May, 1888, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent,
Pasadena, Sec.
Vermont, Woman's Home Missionary Union,
org. June, 1888, Mrs. E. C. Osgood, 14 First
Avenue, Montpelier, Sec.

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
Arizona.
Arkansas.
Carolina.
Colorado.
Delaware.
District of Columbia.
Georgia.
Idaho.

Indian Territory.
Kentucky.
Louisiana.
Maryland.
Massachusetts.
Mississippi.
Montana.
Nevada.
New Jersey.

New Mexico.
Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island.
Tennessee.
Texas.
Utah.
Virginia.
Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.

2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.

3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.

4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.

5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.

6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.

7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.

8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.

9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?... Rom. x. 15.

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THAT \$100,000 ADVANCE!

THOSE of our readers who, at Saratoga last June, took a hand in that enthusiastic vote for ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ADVANCE will of course be glad to look their resolution in the face again. And it is full time that the rest of our readers—since they are all to take part in carrying that vote into effect—should be making themselves familiar with its cheering aspect. For the sake of both parties, therefore, we here reproduce the vote from *The Home Missionary* for July.

Resolved, That we have listened with profound interest to the paper of Secretary CLARK, entitled "A Crisis in Home Missions;" that we appreciate the seriousness of the crisis he describes; that we indorse the appeal he makes for an advance of \$100,000 as the least that will be at all adequate to the emergency; and we pledge ourselves, as much as in us lies, to co-operate with the management of the American Home Missionary Society in securing the money needed.

The receipts during the dry summer months are no fair criterion of the churches' attitude towards the Society and its work. Yet it is a pleasure to say that those receipts in the four months of the new fiscal year, ending July 31st, exceed those of the same months in the previous year by \$8,575.68—the gain from legacies being \$3,603.08, and that from contributions, \$4,972.60. From this we feel warranted in believing that the friends of Home Missions mean to keep, month by month, in advance of all previous giving. The chief object of this note is to remind them that the carrying out of the Saratoga resolution will call for an early, simultaneous start in the autumn, on such plans as shall seem in each case the wisest, and a continuance of the effort until the end is attained—NOT LESS THAN \$650,000 BEFORE THE END OF MARCH, 1889!

Is it too much, therefore, to hope that with a united effort of all—an effort inspired by the cries of these watchmen whom we have set on the wall to tell us of the night, an effort enforced by the astounding growth and needs of the great West and consecrated by a passion for country, for souls and for God,—*we shall succeed?*

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY BARROWS.

WITH unfeigned sorrow we have to announce that Rev. Walter M. Barrows, D.D., for seven years a Corresponding Secretary of the Society, has felt compelled by reasons of health, his own and that of his family, to retire from office and to seek a more inland climate for his future home.

The Executive Committee have most reluctantly accepted his resignation. Their estimate of his services is expressed in the following Minute, passed Aug. 1 :

Rev. Walter M. Barrows, D.D., having at the last meeting of this Committee resigned his secretaryship, to take effect on the 30th of September next, and the Committee having felt compelled by its sense of duty to Dr. Barrows very reluctantly to accept the resignation,

This Committee desires to place on record its sense of the serious loss that Dr. Barrows' laying down of the office he has filled so acceptably for nearly seven years, brings upon the Society—a loss that should not be incurred save for the most imperative reasons. Such reasons the Committee sorrowfully recognize in the present and prospective condition of the Secretary's health and that of his family, calling for their residence in a less rigorous and more equable climate.

The fact that the providence of God has opened, unsought, the way to such a change of climate where Dr. Barrows may still most usefully, and in the way of his choice, serve the Master in the pastoral office, where he may also render most efficient and acceptable aid to the cause with which he has here been so intimately connected, the Committee look upon as a clear indication of the Master's will and of their own duty.

While thus consenting to the severing of this relation, the Executive Committee take pleasure in expressing their high appreciation of the sterling qualities Dr. Barrows brought to the office and the eminent services he has rendered the Society: his eloquent advocacy of its claims, by voice and pen; his fertility in resources; his comprehensive views of the work to be done and the methods of accomplishing it; his strong grasp of the country's present need, and keen foresight of its far greater needs in coming years; his steady devotion to the multifarious duties of the secretaryship, combined with his gift for inspiring the laborers in the broad field with much of his own consecrated enthusiasm; his firm faith in the Gospel as the power that is to save our land and the world—these are among the qualities and the services for which he will be remembered by this Committee, and whose effects will be felt in the prosecution of the work in years to come.

And so, reciprocating all that our friend has said of the pleasant and cordial relations we have mutually sustained; heartily commending him to the confidence and co-operation of the church to whose leadership he goes, and to the loving kindness of our covenant-keeping Savior, we bid him Godspeed and Farewell.

AN attractive cover will insure a glance into even a Missionary pamphlet,—but he who is thus beguiled to turn the leaves of the Eighty-ninth Annual Report of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, will be sure to read on with unabated interest, even into the figurative language of the treasurer. This venerable society, twenty-seven years older than its mother, has received this year \$127,222.52 for Home Missions, which is \$6,510.66 more than last year; and has enriched the treasury of the American Home Missionary Society to the amount of \$165,547.88 for work in the West. Grants have been made to 102 churches and missions, 15 of which have been made for work among the Massachusetts foreign population, including Swedes, French, and Germans.

We stand where two ways meet. We shall take care of the people or the people will take care of us. The people are the rulers; the power of the future is in their hands. Limit the horizon to this life; let penury, sickness, and sorrow change the man to a wolf; let him know no God and Father who hears his cry, no Savior to help, no brother to bind up his wounds; let there be on the one side health and luxury and wanton waste, and on the other side, poverty, misery, and despair, there will be as there has been, a cry for blood.”—*Bishop of Minnesota at Lambeth Conference.*

A NATION is a Christian nation just so far as the people are Christians. . . . But it must be insisted more and more strenuously that it is not so much immigration that constitutes our peril, as the way in which we handle our immigrants. If we would inform them frankly that the civilization into which we receive them is a Christian civilization, maintain over them kindly but firmly the restraints of righteous law, abolish the saloon, forbid the desecration of the Sabbath, welcome their children to a school with the Bible in it, and thus quicken and intensify the assimilating forces of our national life, we should greatly reduce the danger from this source. Mere restrictions on the volume of immigration are not the safeguard against the peril it involves, but a healthier and more robust national Christianity. The evil is a moral and spiritual one and it demands a moral and spiritual cure.—*Geo. Wm. Curtis at Gettysburg.*

SEND to us for “Fresh Facts and Figures” revised to 1888.

THERE is neither soul, square mile, nor hamlet, nor tongue of man, with whose enlightenment in Christ I have not a personal responsibility. No man is acting in the spirit of Christ save as his hands are full of work, his heart full of prayer, his soul full of enthusiasm, and the treasures of his church full of his gifts for evangelization at home, for evangelization abroad, for evangelization of the whole world in the blessed Christ's dear name.—*Rev. A. S. Fiske.*

THE Woman's State Home Missionary Society of Northern California have already added to the Home Missionary Treasury, \$2,082.95. An exceptional record for a new society. And now, NEVADA, IDAHO, and ARKANSAS women ask to come into the line of organized work for the home-land. The churches of the East have planted good seed at the West, which is springing up into vigorous growth. Recent developments indicate that the *women* of the West are likely to out-vie their sisters of East in this matter of united, organized effort for Home Missions.

A QUESTION.—How can we get hold of the Young Ladies' Societies which do not become auxiliary to us? They work well, and give well. We covet them.—*Secretary of the Iowa W. H. M. U.*

Answers to this question are earnestly solicited. Our own thought is this: Let each Woman's State Union appoint a special State secretary to look after the home missionary work among the young people. Give each organization the largest liberty to carry out its own methods of work. Let one general name designate all societies of young ladies, such as "Daughters of the Union," or "Daughters of the King," or "Young Ladies' Christian League," etc., while the State Societies are known as "Iowa Daughters," "Connecticut Daughters," or "League," etc.

To gather in the children, and all who are not already organized for home missionary work, let every Congregational Sunday-school become a "Home-Land Circle," and give, at least, fifteen or twenty minutes, once a month, to a short, spicy, home missionary programme, one exercise of which to include a collection taken by a committee of boys and girls. These suggestions are offered in the hope that they will provoke discussion of an important subject. Could some such plan be carried out, then, indeed, would the whole army be well equipped for an earnest, determined, united effort to win this land for Christ.

WE have several calls from Home Missionaries for church hymn-books, particularly for "Songs of the Sanctuary." We will gladly supply names to those who can meet this demand.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SECRETARY BARROWS' PAPER.

PRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, MR. HAMILTON W. MABIE, OF NEW YORK.

DR. BARROWS' forcible statement of the lack and the need of lay activity in missionary work commands the hearty assent of the friends of Home Missions assembled here, and ought to have the universal attention of the churches. It touches the heart of the greatest difficulty in church work and growth,—the absence of a sense of personal responsibility and of the necessity and duty of personal effort; and it indicates the one direction along which the greatest development is possible. The church has done much, but it has still greater things to do in the crisis of modern society, and its inexhaustible powers are still largely unused. They reside in personal faith and righteousness and in the individual activity which is the fruit of this seed. No class of men however gifted and consecrated are sufficient for the work laid upon the churches; no organized force is adequate to it; the salvation of society depends upon the common enthusiasm and activity of the whole body of Christians, inspired by a common purpose and directed to a common end. The ministry cannot accomplish unaided the mighty task which demands the work of the heart and hand of every Christian. Lay activity is the supreme need and duty of the hour, and Dr. Barrows' paper has the unqualified indorsement of this committee in all its positions and in its appeal; our only anxiety is to devise methods of carrying it home to the conscience of the churches.

HAMILTON W. MABIE.
JAMES L. HILL.
NEHEMIAH BOYNTON.
JAMES WHITE.
A. LINES VAN BLAVCOM.

LAYMEN TO THE FRONT.

BY REV. JAMES L. HILL, MEDFORD, MASS.


FROM AN ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AT SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., JUNE 7, 1888, UPON SECRETARY BARROWS' PAPER ON "LAY ACTIVITY IN MISSIONARY WORK," ETC.

LAST Sunday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginnings of a movement which sets forth in vivid and picturesque form the responsibilities and opportunities and achievements of stalwartism often found in the rank and file of men. General Lee had determined upon his second invasion of the North. The lamentable disasters at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville had produced a depressing effect upon the country at large. Our national currency, which is so quick to detect the feelings of the popular heart, ran right down to its minimum in value.

Volunteering began to flag. Desertions were frequent. The rebels, having been so successful, were enthusiastic and presuming. It was the darkest hour in the history of the Rebellion. Loyal hearts everywhere were depressed. General Lee, having been reinforced by General Longstreet, was promising his followers as a reward, for booty, the capture of Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington.

The condition of things was desperate. Our national leaders were thoroughly alarmed. No one, however, better than the common soldier in the ranks apprehended the imminent peril. Determination was rising high. Patriotism became a passion. One lofty purpose possessed the soul. Such resolve had come to actuate the rank and file of the men, and to such a degree were all their loyal hearts rallied and centered, that when the first army corps, which had been wearily plodding its way toward Gettysburg, came into proximity to the engagement, enthusiasm spread like an infection, and the men with a cheer went up into the line of battle on a run. More men were left dead upon the field than the Germans lost in the long Franco-Prussian War. As General Lee began his retreat he exclaimed, "This is the beginning of the end." Gettysburg, the pivot on which our national destinies turned, was a soldiers' battle. The men in the rank and file did not even know who was in command. This greatest struggle was fought and won by our troops in an overwhelming consciousness of personal responsibility. The crisis was believed by each man to rest upon the masses in the field. It stands out upon the page of living history as the symbol of the issues of life in our land. In political, in theological, in missionary, and in aggressive spheres of thought and action, final decision must rest upon the intelligence, the devotion, and the patriotism of our men. In the Art Building, in the Exposition at Philadelphia, among the paintings before which knots of people were constantly hanging, there was represented a central figure repulsing the wild charge of Pickett's division. It was a common soldier surrounded by his associates. As a mark of the signs of the times, make a study of the memorials of valor as they stand to-day in monumental stone and bronze, and you will find that the figure which stands forth to exemplify modern heroism and achievement is not an officer of the staff but a common soldier from the ranks. When General Stonewall Jackson was dying, on Sunday afternoon, in his delirium he imagined that he was commanding a bloody fight, and this command rang out upon the startled air: "Order A. P. Hill to prepare for action. *Advance the infantry to the front rapidly.*"

Friends, this is the marching order for the church militant in this later day in which we live. The infantry is to be advanced to the front all along the line. We who are set to be leaders are to reach out our hands sympathetically on right and left to those who, in the providence of God, unknown to many of us, are springing up as an element of



strength and of help to aid us in the new crisis in our country's history. Once we engaged in what we will call *Homeric warfare*, when success was determined by an engagement of chieftains or leaders. That sort of conflict is now gone forever, and I venture to assert that the present spiritual exigency which is upon us in this country will be determined by one thing, and it is this: THE CAPACITY OF THE BEST MEN IN OUR CHURCHES TO BE AROUSED BY GREAT MOTIVES TO WORK IN A GREAT CAUSE. If this is true, great is the responsibility of ministers in discovering the motives and in stating the cause. Our laymen must catch the spirit of the life of this new nation as it has now become. There are larger, nobler lives than many of us suspect, now awaiting the earnest call of the present necessities of our land in its new emergency to reveal their devotion to Christ and to country, and to make unusual sacrifice, and to display their power. Such men are being developed by their reading, by our free institutions, and by our sympathetic national life.

Mr. Moderator: Our honored secretary has here come into touch with the vast popular movement. He detects a providential trend. He discovers an age-thought. The committee reporting upon this paper cannot conceal that mood of congratulation which they feel, that we have men arranging these anniversaries who sound a high key-note on living issues. It has now come to pass that this Home Missionary meeting crystallizes thought for churches in the East as well as in the West. These two young men, our efficient and forth-putting secretaries, are now developing such lines of practical thought and of heroic and patriotic endeavor that those of us who want to keep our churches abreast of the times do not dare to absent ourselves from these meetings, nor ignore their lines of thought, for fear of being left behind in the movements of our day.

Much amusement has been indulged in respecting the confusion of names among our benevolent societies. In the case of this organization, whose anniversary we celebrate, I catch at three words, and let go their order. They are "Society," "Missionary," and "Home." When what is called our Lord's last command is quoted, great emphasis is laid upon the first monosyllable "Go," as if that were the commission, and people become restless and migratory. Pray let the command ring out as the Savior uttered it: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That creature may be here as well as there. We, by the title of the Society, are to be missionaries and evangelists in our home, that is, in our country, and in our land. In speaking of the kingdom of God men say that it is "like leaven." But our Savior said: "It is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened." Like this let the kingdom of God be, as it is advanced by this Society in our home-land from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.

To this end let there be, I., as Secretary Barrows so well suggests, a sympathetic intelligence on the part of our broad and benevolent and wealthy lay members. The day is gone for what I will call the monkish style of soliciting alms. Once the holy father, in cowl and somber vestments, asked an alms upon the highway with no explanation as to what use was to be made of it. In a sort of pity, and with a sense of self-satisfaction, and with the old-time understanding that the church was to be somehow kept along, wealthy patrons would fling out a nimble coin; to-day our first duty is to interest and then raise money. The greatest preacher in our generation was signally successful because he did not, as the primary thing, appeal for money. He sought first to inspire an interest in the object and then he received the gifts.

II. As our great want is laymen who will stand squarely with us, and who will take up our purposes and strive to help us work them out in aggressive religious endeavor, let us patiently and persistently discover to the laity in our churches that a man's life and power and success depend upon what he identifies himself with. No man is great enough to stand alone. Grant was not. Lincoln was not. Gladstone is not. Dr. Goodell, of St. Louis, merged himself in his church, and when that was conspicuous he was distinguished. Some men allied themselves to the cause of emancipation and became useful and really eminent, and, emancipation being accomplished, they attached themselves to causes less worthy, and proportionately lost their influence and power. Now, if laymen are to have success and influence and power by means alone of that with which they identify themselves, what other cause so invites them as that which is permanent like the church, and patriotic like the work of this Society?

III. Let us inspire the laymen in our congregations with a personal interest in studying the movements of the pillar and the cloud. There is evidently a providential design just now culminating in our land. God to-day, in America, goes before his people. The providential indications, as God moves across our continent, are most inspiring to sympathetic and devout people.

And now, in conclusion, it is very pleasant to find one's self the mouthpiece of a singularly united and enthusiastic committee. We recommend, as a practical application of the strong spirit of Dr. Barrows' paper:—

I. That, as so much has been done by ministers to inculcate the idea that religion is to be carried into business, and as it is a poor rule that will not work both ways, it is superlatively important that the process be reversed, and that from this day we seek to introduce a little more business into religion. We can name one county in which it is believed, by an expert in finance, that the gifts to the Society would be quadrupled if a committee of laymen could be permitted to lay out the work of raising

money for Home Missions among our churches, in business fashion. When Secretary Clark, in eloquent periods, described our First Home Missionary Debt, he incidentally acknowledged help to the amount of \$6,000, that came easily by the application, on the part of a young man here to-day, a member of our Massachusetts legislature, of business principles to Home Missionary benevolence.

We recommend:

II. That all the moneys contributed by our churches be allowed, indeed *be directed*, to go through the regularly recognized, the properly organized denominational channels. Let us be able to touch any point in our whole field through some one responsible agency. So far as our home-land is concerned, this Missionary Society is the *whole Kingdom of God to us!*

But there is another important matter universally conceded:

III. The churches must somehow be spared from this vagrant and miscellaneous and uncounted and unaccountable presentation of causes. When some strolling and worthy Armenian or negro visits us and recites the story of his need of help, that he may continue study or build a church, that is not the cause of our Home Missionary Society. Nor is it to be allowed to take its place or stand in its stead before our people. Oh, no. That is not it. It has not the swing, nor the sweep, nor the power, nor the eloquent and far-reaching and persuasive voice.

NATIONAL DAY.

Finally, and chiefly, and urgently, we recommend the appointment and the observance, under the direction of our secretaries, of a NATIONAL DAY. Together, upon this Sabbath, attention in our churches, and by press reports in our communities, is to be directed to the evangelization of our home-land. This observance will promote denominational *esprit de corps*. The spirit in our churches can be made to rise to the point of *enthusiastic seizure*. We shall be more united in our policy of church extension. If the Sabbath become in spirit a genuine NATIONAL DAY, a dash and flavor of patriotism will give a new quality to our devotion. Churches, as is the custom with some, can be draped and decorated. A special supply of information can be provided by the secretaries from our laborers in the field. Our feeling is decidedly that this NATIONAL DAY should be observed upon the Sabbath succeeding this convention. That now falls upon the second Sunday in June—*i.e.*, Children's Sunday. Now, our churches have a growing interest and enthusiasm in the celebration of Children's Day. But a very little attention to the matter will disclose the truth, that the only interference with the concerted observance of Children's Sunday is the fact that its celebration comes so early as to be inconvenient for all and impossible for many. Enthusiasm and the possibilities of success in its observance would be heightened by adopting a date one week at least later. Such an arrangement is inevitably

making in many churches that we can name. It is believed that such an adjustment would promote the interests of both societies; certainly there is no jealousy between them. In the exercises of this NATIONAL DAY, whenever it be held, let laymen be participants. The ladies and young people will be given the work of embellishing the church. Let there be a large consultation as to the most feasible way of turning the day to large account. The musical service will consist of patriotic and of gracious hymns. One clergyman who has been pastor of the largest church in Essex County, in Massachusetts, uses such a day as is now described to collect the smaller sums from among the people, taking good pains to see that the larger gifts are practically pledged in advance by some such device as this: He is accustomed to say to one man in his company, "You are accustomed to give ten dollars annually to Home Missions. Now, as your contribution of labor, will you speak to nine others who ought to give a similar amount, telling them how you feel in the matter, and asking them to aid you in amassing the sum of one hundred dollars?" A man who gives but five dollars is asked to canvass the names of a larger company and with reference to a like result. By some expedient we must avail ourselves of the instincts and sagacity and experience and insight of our most closely disciplined and carefully trained business men. These home missionary problems must become their matters, as they now too long have been exclusively ours. God never designed that his work should be done by a professional set. He is a great Business Doer. The time has come for the introduction of new partners into this vast concern that is doing business for God. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. . . . And I will take of the Spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them: another shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone." . . . And Moses said, "Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them."

A STRAW.—Staid, sober men enjoy *some* fun. Coming from Cheyenne yesterday on the train I sat with a solid, sedate New England banker, member of a Congregational church in Massachusetts. He told me that he had read with interest a series of articles in *The Home Missionary*, about "The Picnic Parish." Just think of it! *Bankers read The Home Missionary!* He also added, "I read the same story at our home missionary concert a few evenings ago, and added a few remarks regarding the author—whom I had met in Cheyenne, and the church were very much pleased. His son is a member of a Cheyenne church. I do not believe that even your most dignified reader objects to the "out of the usual order" articles, occasionally.—Wyoming.

MISSOURI

BY REV. FRANKLIN B. DOE, SUPERINTENDENT FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS, AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

IN Missouri fifty-nine have borne the Society's commission; in Indian Territory, thirteen; in Arkansas, twelve. Total on the district, eighty-four. Seventeen ministers have come to the State and nine have left. Six churches have been gathered: Hitt, Ritchey, Mine La Motte, the Tabernacle in St. Louis, Hyde, and Alba. Four of these are in the country and not in competition with other denominations. They yoke with other churches in support of gospel ordinances. It will not do to neglect the country entirely, even where there is no village and the population scattered, as, left without churches, they heathenize, and are tributary to the great centers for good or evil. In such districts it is specially needful to care for the young, and they are often numerous. The Sunday-school in such localities under the care of the church is an agency of special blessing.

Mine La Motte is a mining town of fifteen hundred souls, and we furnish the only regular ministration of the Gospel. We have a few influential families filling official positions in connection with the mines. A good house of worship and a parsonage belong to the proprietor of the works, who is of our faith and order, though non-resident. He pays seventy-five dollars per month toward the minister's support, and use of parsonage. We seemed specially called to enter that field; were fortunate in our missionary who has rendered valuable service to the community and gathered a church of twenty members. A young man in the church is already preparing to enter the Chicago Seminary.

In Alba, ten miles from Carthage, a fine agricultural region, Rev. Chas. J. Sage spent a few weeks last winter, visiting families and holding special meetings, awakening a wide-spread interest which resulted in the gathering of a Sunday-school of one hundred members and then a call for a Congregational church, as best adapted to hold the heterogeneous elements of the neighborhood. They are already considering the expediency of building a house of worship. A seminary student will labor with them through the summer.

We cannot say with certainty that any church has reached self-support. It is expected that at least four will do so this year: Olivet in Kansas City, Church of the Redeemer in St. Louis, Cameron, and Bonne Terre. It is a laudable ambition to desire to be off the dependent list, and sometimes a Christian duty. The more that attain this dignity, the more new work can be entered. In every case the least possible amount consistent with efficiency should be asked. Not smaller salaries nor poorer quality of service, but larger paying by the church and congregation. There is a liability, especially in rural districts, to pay a mod-

erate sum when convenient and not increase the amount as they gain in means, or special needs require. It is very important that the congregation be instructed as to their duty in this line. Seven church edifices have been added to our list, six of which are missionary. These are Honey Creek, Riverdale, the Swede, German, and Central in Springfield, Mine La Motte, and Compton Hill in St. Louis. A large number have been enlarged, or repaired and improved in various ways. Some debts have been canceled. Honey Creek built a good house of worship, on two acres of land all complete, which was dedicated last May, clear of debt, and money in the treasury. No other sanctuary within several miles. A large number of young men and women are interested in this enterprise. Twenty-six have been added to this church during the year, and twenty-one of these from the Sunday-school.

Riverdale is an example of similar success. A neat and commodious house of worship was dedicated last July. A good bell from the Laclede Church, which died of excessive holiness, calls the people to the house of God. The young church runs two neighborhood Sunday-schools, and reports 145 pupils under their care. The contrast between the little old log school-house and the present comely edifice is marked indeed, and it fairly represents the change in the community. A Sunday-school first, then a church, then a house of worship, then a parsonage, and now fully equipped for Christian work, home evangelization, and just the kind of church to raise up foreign missionaries.

The Swede Church in Springfield meets their needs; the German Church, completed, dedicated, and paid for, caused much joy. The Central has a fine structure, and more to follow some day, which has caused a long and hard struggle; but patience has had her perfect work, and long deferred hopes are nearly realized. Four of these churches received generous aid from the Union, without which they could not have been. This society should have a warm place in our hearts and draw deeper from our pockets. We need a quarter of a million annually for this work of church and parsonage building, and we are equal to it. Larger home missionary outlay calls for more Union aid. They go together. Sedalia, Springfield Pilgrim, Alba, the Third Church in St. Louis, Olivet, Kansas City, and others, are building or preparing to do so the coming year. A church without a sanctuary, even with generous missionary aid, is an uncertain thing.

Contributions from all sources, through the New York treasury, reach \$5,907.62, which is \$1,552.53 in excess of any previous year. Special effort has been made to secure contributions from all the churches, and it is gratifying that there are so few delinquents to be reported. There are but six such that are operative. The Webster Groves Church leads the State in the average per resident member: total, \$346.75; per *resident member*, \$2.69. Kansas City, First Church, comes next: total,

\$862.64; per resident member, \$2.60. Pilgrim Church, St. Louis, follows closely: total, \$1,907.45, nearly one-third of the whole amount: per resident member, \$2.48. Of the missionary churches, Hamilton takes the palm: total, \$72.36; per resident member, \$1.72. Kidder follows: total, \$68.91; per resident member, \$1.11. Such is the roll of honor in contributions to the American Home Missionary Society for our own work in the State.

The State committee spent a day together in March, considering the whole field, discussing each case separately, and voting recommendations of grants. The functions of this committee are advisory. They seek to adjust and apportion to the whole State wisely and impartially. The district committees are held responsible all the same for special and local indorsement. The least amount for our home missionary work this year was estimated at \$20,000, and the estimated contributions \$6,500, an average of over one dollar per resident member. This leaves \$13,500 from the parent society, \$1,000 less than last year, and \$3,500 less than two years ago. This does not mean smaller outlay nor less work, but larger contributions from the field and stronger pressure toward self-support. We ought to do more and ask less each year until Missouri reaches independence. We shall have the Society's grant plus all our contributions. The larger these are, the more work can be done. Missouri is a prosperous and growing commonwealth. We ought to plan and do larger things and rise to the height of our opportunities. There are not less than twenty towns of importance, outside of the largest cities, where we have no churches, which we might wisely enter if we had the means. Kansas City will start another soon; Sedalia, Springfield, and St. Louis are long. We have reached the period of easy and wise enlargement. Conditions have changed. Progress is the law and the present watchword. Hence, the city missionary societies and Congregational clubs in St. Louis and Kansas City. These indicate a new order of things and advance all along the line. They only need wise adjustment, so as to co-operate for a given result, mutually helpful and not antagonistic. The plans and methods of ten years ago will not do for Missouri to-day. We are in the period of enlargement and consolidation and higher style of work, and not of feebleness, experiment, and uncertainty. Of the twenty-four churches that might be located, we must start at least eight in important centers. Missouri is evidently coming more to the front, where she belongs, in all natural resources, industrial pursuits, and educational facilities. The tide is setting toward this center of the continent. Immigration conventions have been held in different parts of the State, and the result will be a rapid increase of population. The next ten years will show great advance. We must adapt ourselves to the coming opportunities and needs. In this connection, it is fitting to allude to Kidder Institute, the only one of the kind that we have in the State, and

which righttrully claims our attention. With no endowment and no aid from the American Home Missionary Society, and doing a high grade of work, she has a right to expect generous aid in erecting buildings and help toward support of teachers. It is not simply a local school, but an academy for the State. It has important relations to our home missionary work.

Nor should Drury College be forgotten. Indeed, she must have the foremost place as a vital force in our denominational work, and as an honor to the State. It is evident that in the general advance movement, Drury College cannot stand still, but should rather be in the lead. The trustees will adopt the best methods for securing necessary funds. The most of us can do but little in that line, but we owe the college a grateful duty. Every one of us, every little church, should be in warm sympathy with the institution and be proud of it, giving such as we have; if not silver and gold, then what is better—our hearts' love and kind words and thoughtful attention. The pastor, the deacons, the Sunday-school superintendent, can speak of it and help make it known to the community, and seek out and encourage promising youths to become pupils. We have the welfare of this college largely in our own hands. The institution belongs to us and we to it. The constituency largely makes the college. We should aim for nothing less than Amherst, Williams, Oberlin, or Yale.

HOW A REVIVAL BEGAN.

SEVERAL prayer-meetings had been held in which prayer had been made for the revival of blessing in the church. Especially was it insisted upon that previous preparation was needed for the meeting. At length, at the close of one very interesting meeting, an expression was asked from those who were willing during the coming week to remember specially the church, and pray for a revival in the church.

Of course a great many hands went up, and there was some reason to fear that many pledged themselves thoughtlessly. During the coming week the topic was ever coming up in the pastor's mind. He wondered how it would fare with all if Gideon's test were applied to any meeting. The sight of several rooms adjoining the vestry suggested to him a plan as he went into the church that second evening. He opened the service by asking how many had prayed every day, especially and earnestly, for the revival needed. It was noticeable that many hands were not raised this time. Some had remembered the subject the first day; others for two days, but comparatively few the whole week.

Then he read and commented on Judges vii., and suggested that *perhaps their prayers were not answered because of deficiencies in their own*

hearts. "Are you really ready to have this blessing we ask? I propose that we all submit ourselves to a test as a measure of personal examination. Let us divide ourselves into four separate meetings.

"The children of Israel could not fight well if their ranks were filled with the timid. Perhaps we, too, have been disheartened. Let all of us then who are discouraged or timid, or are afraid the Lord is not going to bless us this year, go into class room A.

"Then let all who are conscious that they came to this meeting to-night in an indifferent, self-indulgent, thoughtless mood, make up a contingent for class-room B. Let them choose their leader, and betake themselves to prayer for an earnest spirit of consecration.

"We will form another class for room C. I have yet one more test. Are our hearts right toward one another? Criticism, and complaint, and backbiting, and mutual alienations, are everywhere endangering the church of Christ. We cannot expect, we cannot pray with any faith for a revival in our church, with any divisions. This very afternoon (and here his voice trembled) one of our number poured into my ear a bitter complaint against a sister. Let all of us who are unwilling to forgive, or unwilling to ask forgiveness from those we have injured; let all who have complained against, and criticised their fellow members; let any who have spread false reports; let all who are conscious of a feeling of bitterness or alienation,—retire to class-room C to pray for forgiveness and cry for strength to become reconciled. We will sing two verses of the hymn, 'Am I a Soldier of the Cross?' during which those who belong to the more fearful and cowardly will retire to class-room A."

An awful hush followed these words, and many angry faces gave suspicion of inflicted wounds. But suddenly the meeting took a strange and affecting turn. Brother K—, one of the very salt of the church, rose and confessed tremblingly that he had for the past month been discouraged and full of fear, and could see that he was in the way. Sister C— said, as she started down the aisle, "Pray for me, a coward." Somehow or other the angry faces were first filled with surprise, and then shame, and as the hymn was started up, by one, and twos, and threes, they slowly filed into class-room A.

"Now," said the pastor, "while we sing two verses of the hymn, 'Must Jesus bear the Cross alone?' let the indifferent and self-indulgent gather in their prayer room."

Hardly had these words died on his lips before young brother Henry G— started, saying, "God has shown me myself straining everything for self, doing as I pleased, and bearing nothing but leaves for God. I am a sad stumbling-block."

No one ventured to start the hymn, and amid a silence profoundly solemn, their ranks were still further thinned.

"I must myself lead the third company," said the pastor. "I heard

last week that two were finding fault with me, and my heart has been full of bitterness. I will this night seek them."

As he left the desk and walked down the aisle, tears came to many eyes, but when the two deacons followed their pastor, the procession was like the journey through the Valley of Baca. One went out of the house, a woman who would not forgive, and who slammed the door behind her.

Only three were left in the large room, and they obscure members, who, instead of praying for the rest, with earnest cries besought God to make them more consecrated.

They used to say in after days that the great revival began that night. *N. Y. Observer, quoted from Kansas Telephone.*

NEW LEAFLETS.

NO. 62. PRACTICAL BENEFICENCE. MRS. FRANK RUSSELL.

50 cents per hundred.

EXTRACTS.—From the earliest ages God has been worshiped by offerings, and these offerings as ordained were systematic and proportionate. Abraham, 400 years before the giving of the Mosaic law, gave tithes of all he possessed, and 200 years afterward Jacob gave one tenth of his income to God. This setting apart of one tenth of their substance was demanded in the Old Testament and directly sanctioned by our Savior in the New Testament. It was also observed in the early Christian church, as stated by Origen, Jerome, Augustine, Chrysostom, and others. This law, so venerable with age, has never been repealed, and many think it is as binding on us as on them, and has the same foundation as the Sabbath, in that they are both of the Lord; one tenth of our income and one seventh of our time belonging to him. He has placed us here as stewards, and to him we shall be held accountable for the proper use of our means. The question then comes home to every one of us, *In what way can we best follow God's will in our beneficences?* . . .

There are many reasons why we should regulate our beneficence. It will ennoble our secular life; we shall be able to do more good to others, and become more interested in the objects upon which we bestow giving; we shall be more careful in the selection of those objects, and shall become more like our divine benefactor who went about doing good.

UNCLE JOHN'S SOLILOQUY

reveals an important truth. He says: "Why didn't I see this thing before? Ten dollars for Foreign Missions, and one year ago I gave only fifty cents; and that half dollar hurt me so much, and came so reluctantly! And the ten dollars—why, it is a real pleasure to hand it over to the Lord! And this comes from keeping an account with the Lord. I

am so glad Brother Smith preached that sermon. He said we should all find it a good thing to have a treasury in the house from which to draw whenever our contributions are solicited. He asked us to try the experiment for one year—to 'set apart a certain portion of our income for the Lord's work.' I thought it over. I thought about those Jews and the one tenth they gave into the Lord's treasury. I thought what a mean, closefisted Jew I should have made had I lived in those days. Then I counted up all I had given for the year and it was just three dollars. *Three dollars!* and I had certainly raised from my farm clear of all expenses, \$1,200. Three dollars is one four hundredth part of \$1,200. The more I thought, the wider I opened my eyes. Said I, 'I am not quite ready for the Jews' one tenth, but I will try one twentieth and see how it works.' I got a big envelope and I put it down in the corner of my trunk, and as soon as I could I put the \$60 into it. Said I, 'Here goes for the Lord.' It cost me a little something to say it at first, but when it was done, how good I felt over it! When the appeals came for missions, all I had to do was just to run to my treasury and get the money. And this all comes from keeping an account with the Lord. How he has blessed me this year! I never had better crops. Now I am going to try another plan. I am going to give the Lord the profits from one acre, one of my best yearlings, and one tenth of the profits from my orchard. That will surely carry his fund up to \$75, and if it doesn't I will make it up from something else."

. . . We should not give from the mere enthusiasm of the moment or from over-persuasion, but from deep-seated principle. . . . The secret motive power that should prompt us to give of our time, our labor, and our money for the sake of others should be the thought that, as Christ gave himself for us, we may do something for others. . . . We should educate our children from earliest years in the duty and privilege of practical giving. They should early learn to give as the Lord has given them, in gifts received and in what they earn, to lay aside a proportion as a thank-offering. It may appropriately be done every Sunday morning at the family altar, thus consecrating it as a part of worship; then would giving grow sweet and become a principle which would grow with the years of the child and strengthen as youth advanced, never to be eradicated.

If we are thus to have a thorough devotion in our giving, *the channels cherished and honored in our churches* will be dear to our hearts. Every church is an organized committee in behalf of specific work for our beneficent causes, of which we now have the sacred number seven. Any person wrought upon by the Spirit of God will desire to have fellowship in the work of the redemption of the whole world. We have many churches which single out two or three of the group and minister to them lavishly, while several others are turned from their door, shivering, with

scarcely a crumb. This incongruity, however, is beginning to receive attention. The list of all the seven causes should be the schedule for every organization. The church collections should reach each one successively during the year; the Sunday-school should have each one brought before it, and every beneficent society in the church, of the women and the young people, or the children, should include in their active functions every one of the seven objects.

THE GROUND-HOG SKIN.

See "The Home Missionary" for June.

PHILO'S plan for this "Missouri Pelt Fund" seems to meet with popular favor.

BRUNSWICK, MAINE, June 1, 1888.

Please add the inclosed five dollars to the Missouri Pelt Fund, in memory of one, poor in the goods of this world, but rich toward God.

One dollar from C. C. D., Colchester, Mass.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 7, 1888.

We have just read in *The Home Missionary* about the ground-hog skin, and we would like to own it for a few minutes. My sister Elsie and I, send twenty-five cents each, and my brother Howard, ten cents. With a hope that the skin will bring in many dollars,—*Margery Strong*.

True children of the "father of Our Country"!

WORTHINGTON, MINN., June 9, 1888.

I am glad that somebody has spoken! I could not bear that the poor woman's gift,—a gift doubtless of love and faith,—should count nothing in the Lord's treasury. I want an interest in it, though it must be small. *Please let me own that pelt*, if it be but for one hour. I inclose twenty-five cents. You and I, dear *Home Missionary*, are old friends. We have known each other these sixty years. My now sainted father was a gospel worker under your care, in Michigan, for fourteen years. You are a welcome visitor in my family, and will be such as long as I live.—*Mrs. L. H. Clark*.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., June 13, 1888.

I was much interested in your account of the dear Southern woman who contributed the ground-hog pelt to the American Home Missionary Society. Verily, "she *hath* done what she could." Philo has set us a good example, to encourage and cheer her heart,—and I, too, follow with

real pleasure. Please find inclosed five dollars. Do I own the pelt now?—*An invalid and a widow.*

Yes, you own it until the next contributor claims it, and here he comes!

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., June 13, 1888.

Please find inclosed fifteen dollars from three friends, to be added to the Missouri Pelt Fund. I am trying to interest others in the pelt.—*A Friend.*

STRATFORD, Ct., June 14, 1888.

Inclosed find two dollars toward the Missouri Pelt Fund, and that it may indeed be a "growing chestnut," not lacking for want of resources, is the prayer of a friend.—*M. D.*

TOLEDO, Ohio, June 19, 1888.

Please add three dollars for me to the Missouri Pelt Fund. I doubt not that the Holy Spirit suggested the gift, and led the Missionary to accept it. May the same blessed Spirit move many hearts to contribute to the glorious cause of Home Missions!—*Mrs. N. M. L.*

MUSCATINE, Ia., June 25, 1888.

I wish to help swell that poor southern woman's contribution to Home Missions, and inclose five dollars to join the Missouri Pelt Fund Company.—*A Friend.*

CHEROKEE, Iowa, June 30, 1888.

I have been greatly interested in the letters written about that ground-hog pelt, the gift of a poor Christian woman who had "nothing to give" until the animal came into her possession, when she "skinned him and tanned the skin" with her own hands. I was especially interested in the communication from "Philo," and gladly inclose five dollars for temporary ownership. I hope the money already paid to the society for that pelt will be many times multiplied by five before the Missouri Pelt Fund is closed in February, 1889. What a change would come to our Lord's treasury if *every* woman of us all should "feel dreadfully" because we give so little, and should imitate this poor woman, and cast in *all we can*, and at the cost of some personal sacrifice!—*C. E. W.*

GEORGETOWN, MASS., July 1, 1888.

Inclosed please find one dollar for the "Missouri Pelt Fund" from the Young Ladies' Home Missionary Society of this place.—*Alice A. Wildes, Sec. and Treas.*

CHESHIRE, CT., July 9, 1888.

In a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, the story of your "Missouri Pelt" was related recently. I am desirous of having the honor of being the "temporary owner" of that pelt until it is claimed by "the next."—*E. H. B.*

VERMONT, July 10, 1888.

I am "Only waiting till the shadows are a little longer grown," but my heart goes out to that hidden disciple who "hath done what she could." Please find five dollars inclosed for the "Missouri Pelt Fund."

Missouri Pelt Fund, July 10, 1888, \$55.85.

FROM A SWEDISH STUDENT.

The following, addressed to Superintendent Montgomery, is from a Swedish student Mr. E. M. Carlson, of Chicago Theological Seminary, laboring at Pecatonica, Stillman Valley, Illinois.

"THE Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works."

David did not say any too much of his blessed Lord in those verses. Every human being ought to join him, and out of the depth of the soul say that the Lord is gracious. He is very gracious to me.

I am glad to tell you that I was very kindly received in this place. Here are not very many who go to the mission house, but those who belong to us are, with few exceptions, very true and upright Christians.

In Stillman Valley, a greater number go to the mission house. They too, received me gladly. While I was there the meetings were attended by from fifty to eighty persons every meeting. In that place there is no other work among the Swedes. Many young people live there who go to the mission house, but they are, with few exceptions, living the life of this world. I pray to my dear Lord that some of them may be saved this summer and become sons of God.

I am very well pleased with the country and the surroundings here. I am strong and healthy. May God give me the wisdom I need to do faithful work for my dear Savior! I thank God that he is with me, blessing me always.

WITHIN REACH.—The sewing machine has arrived in good condition. My wife, after trying it, says it exceeds her highest expectation—she is charmed with its ornamental appearance, its simplicity, and the perfect ease with which she can work it. It is certainly every thing it was represented to be. I am convinced that more of the home missionaries would avail themselves of this opportunity if they but knew about it. I thank you for thus bringing a good machine within reach of my means and home.—*Kansas.*

"FROM AN OUTSIDER."

MISSIONARY GRIFFITHS, pastor of the Congregational Church at Alturas (California), has passed scarcely an idle moment since he came here four years ago, and the result of his work can be seen on every hand. He has labored early and late to assist the people here, and has traveled nearly every Sunday in the year to preach the Gospel in other places. During the past summer he has on three Sundays in every month, arisen at daybreak, traveled twenty, and twenty-five miles, preached to the people, and traveled the distance back, and favored his own people with an eloquent discourse in the evening, and with all his ministerial duties, he finds time to minister to the wants of his flock. Not only does he work hard at his calling, but he is in no wise averse to manual labor; for of late he has for several days in succession taken his axe and team and gone into the timber, felled a tree, chopped it into firewood, and hauled it home, rarely arriving at his fireside until far into the night.

Perhaps some one will say, "Why shouldn't he? He is as well able to work as I am." This may be true, but do you ever take into consideration that he is about the hardest worked and poorest paid man in the community? Do you stop to consider, that if you were in distress, Missionary Griffiths would never be too tired, too cold, or too hungry to go to your assistance? And that he would work with you, stay with you, and pray with you?

And now we ask, do we really appreciate the work of these missionary men as we should?—*Modoc Independent*.

THE PAPER MISSION AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

BY MISS NANCY MARSH, 31 SHELDON ST., PROVIDENCE, R. I.

We have sent out the past year to twenty-four States and Territories, 3,649 papers and pamphlets, 438 lesson papers, 753 tracts leaflets, etc., 121 Scripture pictures and Christmas cards, and 32 books. Postage for same, \$19.01. We have written 118 letters, and 67 postal cards. Contributions, including postage, \$92.44.

For the past seven years we have carried very heavy burdens, owing to the many calls for aid which we could not give. Having reached our threescore and ten years, feeling more and more the infirmities of the flesh, we decided to lay down some of these burdens, and send only reading matter, as was our first design. But we had hardly reached this conclusion when an appeal came from a church in Missouri to aid them by fancy articles for a fair. The church had struggled two years for self-support.

and if they could tide over this hard place, would succeed. With others we came to the rescue, and about thirteen dollars' worth of fancy articles were sent, which were "all sold." The pastor says, "We start out on our third year of self-support with bright prospects before us. It will be a hard struggle for a while longer, but we are safe. We shall never forget your ladies. God bless you all who have helped us in this time of need."

About the same time an appeal came from a pastor in Kansas, asking aid to build a church. He wrote, "We have read your report in *The Home Missionary* and see how much you have helped others. We wish you could help us. The people have done their utmost to erect a church in so short a time, but this being their first year in the country they have no crops. We have no place of worship but an opera hall which is used Saturday evenings and has to be cleaned out for service Sabbath morning. There are eight saloons in this small town, and shooting on the street is quite common. Even while I write, a young man lies dead, shot through the heart. He is a stranger from New York State—'Somebody's son.' Will you, for the Lord's sake, help us by interesting your many friends in our behalf? The people in their poverty have done all they can." Surely here was a needy case; but where was the money? We never have an extra dollar on hand to send for these many and varied calls, so we always have to ask, 'Lord, what wilt thou have me to do'? The answer came very unexpectedly. We received a letter from a lady in Franklin, Mass., saying, I was much interested in reading the report of the Paper Mission and want to contribute a little to help the work along, but wish to be sure of your address so the money will reach you safely." We read that word *money* twice. No mistake about that word, sure! Whether we were to receive fifty cents or ten dollars we knew not, but we said, "The Lord means us to help that church." The reply to our letter soon came with five dollars, wishing it was much more. From other sources we received various sums amounting to \$43. The church was finally dedicated. The pastor writes, Jan. 29th, "We have good congregations even in the severe cold weather; church crowded morning and evening. At the latter service numbers cannot get in, and there are crowds around the door. The Lord has been very good to us. To-day I received the grant from the A. C. U. I cannot tell you how happy we are; my wife actually cried, and I shouted for joy and threw up my hat like a schoolboy. I have been ashamed to meet the people we were owing; now I can once more lift up my head. Praise the Lord! How good and kind every body has been to us. We do ask the Lord to bless and reward them all, and are sure He will."

We have had twenty letters and postals from different States asking where papers could be sent; we have replied to all these. Several have sent to places suggested, and much good has been done. *Magazines and papers have been sent to Kidder Institute, in which we are much interested, and have been greatly appreciated, and very helpful. The Prin-*

cial writes, "We would be glad to receive copies of the standard poets, and others, if any one has them to spare. Last winter we received a box of books and valuable magazines, but did not know where they came from, if you know who sent them (we do not) please thank them, for we have found them very valuable in our work. Our fall term has just closed. It has been the most successful in our history; a number of our young men expect to study for the ministry. It is when I need help for such that I feel my poverty. I firmly believe God has a great work for our Institute to do in this country, and that he will lead kind friends to come to our aid."

From Siloam Springs, Arkansas, we have grateful acknowledgment of papers. "Such are gladly welcomed and eagerly read by our young people."

From Indian Territory, and many other places, we have received letters of gratitude for the reading matter sent and the help it has afforded.

We have sent literature to Puget Sound Academy in Washington Territory. Others have also become interested in this institution and have sent valuable reading matter. The librarian writes: "Your papers are received and are truly acceptable; a friend has sent a number of the 'Golden Rule' which promises to be of real benefit."

We have been deeply interested in these academies that are training so many of our youth for a noble Christian life and for usefulness in the world. There are many other items of interest from this Territory. From a small inland town a lady writes: "One encouragement here is, that a good many young men from the eastern States, and older men living by themselves, seem glad to get religious papers. I have distributed among them all the papers you have sent since last Spring. I always like to have some ready to give them when they drop into the Sunday-school or church; they thank me very politely and seem glad to get them. There are many infidels here, and they sow their papers broadcast. We must try to be first in putting good reading matter into the hands of these children and youth. We are trying hard for a Sunday-school library. When we came here about two years ago there was only a log school-house to worship in, and the people were so utterly indifferent to all religious influences that our hearts almost failed us. We promptly organized a Sunday-school, which was carried on last summer, until the winter rains set in, when it was closed, but opened again the first of April this year. Very often husband and I have the entire school on our hands, no older people coming out. The children are interested, and in them is our hope. If we can keep up this interest in the Sunday-school a few years longer, there will be a different class of people here. At present we are the only Christian family in the neighborhood, though many have come from Christian homes in the East. We have preaching every two weeks. When preaching and the Sunday-school were new things people came from far and near, but only till their curiosity was

satisfied. We have from twenty to thirty children quite regularly in Sunday-school, and when there is preaching all stay for service. We can sow the seed and some of it may take, root and bear fruit after many days." God bless these noble workers and give them great success!

Duty, the pony, has also a home in this Territory. He has earned a good reputation, being much engaged in Sunday-school work, and is known throughout the region as the "Sunday-school pony." He knows nearly every locality in the county. "He enjoys music, I conclude," says the missionary, "for one Sabbath evening, returning from the hills where I had organized two schools that day, I drove by brother F.'s chapel towards his house, but Duty didn't want to go by. He wheeled round, put his head over the fence as much as to say, 'Don't you hear them singing in there? This is the place for you to stop.' I was quite surprised, for I had never stopped there, and he had traveled nearly all day and was but a few rods from the barn where I had often unsaddled him. I have become very much attached to him."

We have been much interested in a lumberman who was converted about two years ago. He says: "I worked one year in the lumber woods of Canada, and six years in Michigan, but I never saw a missionary in the camp, nor was there one to ask, 'Are you a Christian?' until I was compelled to live in town; then the Lord sent that good Brother S. to tell me that Jesus loved me and gave Himself for me. I intend to proclaim the glad tidings to those men who are in darkness, that they may be rescued from their perishing condition." This man when converted felt the need of more education, and, though he has a wife and child to support and very small means, has studied two years, and is now laboring in a lumber camp in Michigan. He writes: "I preached in the camp last night and the men listened with the greatest attention. There are about forty in camp now, mostly foreigners. They will soon break up and go where there are over a hundred men. Get as many Christians as you can to pray for me, that I may have power to win souls to Christ."

We are deeply interested in a mining camp in Indiana. The missionary was himself a miner, and set apart a portion of his time to study for the ministry while working in the mines. He organized a church in a small village, and for three years has been very successful, but was requested to leave that and take up work for the miners, for which he is so well adapted. He writes: "The field is a very hard one—dark, destitute and wicked; nothing but the love of Christ could induce me to accept such a field. Already we have a church, two Sunday-schools, temperance societies, etc. Some of the miners are very intelligent, and great readers, and such reading matter as you send will do them good. The fields are white to the harvest, but *where are the reapers?* I am trying to do the work of two men and want to do still more for the Master. *Some of the children are very bright and I hope soon to see what can be done for them.* The light is breaking already, for God is in the work."

Three little children gave us two dollars, for two missionary children in Kansas. The father writes, "They were wild with joy when I gave them each a silver dollar; they thought they could buy 'every thing.' T. invested his in a hand wagon. All our food, etc., has to be brought from town, and they charge from twenty-five to sixty cents to bring the smallest article; so T. has saved us many a dime by his wagon. He has done good service also in hauling stones for our church and parsonage yards. Many thanks to the three children."

Last winter we received from a German woman in Iowa two pairs of woolen socks. She spun the yarn (wool from her own sheep), knit the socks, and, not having much money to give, sent these as a gift for some needy person. They were sent to a Welsh Home Missionary in Minnesota, who was feeble and needed warm clothing. He writes, "We are glad and most thankful for the socks; they are very good. May God bless the one who made them. The winter is very severe."

We would like to put missionaries in about one hundred places, which are destitute of any means of grace,—no church, no Sunday-school,—where mothers are saying, "For twenty years we have been burying our dead without a prayer at the grave, and wondering, if there are Christians in the world, why they don't come and help us." There are always cases of sickness and need among our missionaries, where a dollar or so would bring comfort and relief, and we are always grateful when the Lord opens the way to help such. \$12.25 have been thus dispensed, which proved a great blessing. We wish it had been much more. The infant class has kept up a lively interest in our work, supplying us with children's papers and \$7 for postage.

Eight years ago last month we commenced our "Paper Mission." As we think of the host of workers, the missionaries, the teachers, the Freedmen, the institutions of learning, the reading rooms, the mining camps, the lumber camps, in our own land, besides many places in foreign lands, and the sailors that have come to us from Iceland, Sweden, Finland, and the islands of the sea,—we are almost overwhelmed with the greatness of the work, the opportunities given, the responsibilities laid upon us, and we ask "Who is sufficient for these things?" But when we think how God has blessed us from the first, and of the help, and the helpers he has given both here at home and all over the land, who have responded so cheerfully to our many calls, without which the work could not have been carried on, and when we read the grateful letters from these workers,—we are constrained to feel that this is the Lord's work, and we hope to abide with God in this calling while our strength lasts, or we receive a new commission from the Master; and we feel sure that all who have helped us in any way to carry on our work will receive a rich blessing. We have carried many heavy burdens these eight years, beside those left at the post-office, and those have not always been light; but *we have learned as never before* that God is true to his promise, and

that no case is too hard for him. So we bless him for the work, for its success, and would say with the psalmist, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

A DAKOTA INVITATION.—Dear Friend,—What sort of a Christian do you want to be?

Have you a burning desire to aid some one in his Christian walk? Then come! let us feel the warmth of your Christian love in the prayer meeting!

Have you grown cold and negligent of your duty towards God? Then come and let us aid you in that Christian life.

Do you wish in any way to identify yourself with Christian workers? Come to the prayer meeting.—*Sincerely, Your Pastor, C. M. Daley.*

BAD PRAYERS.

I do not like to hear him pray
On bended knee about an hour
For grace to spend aright the day
Who knows his neighbor has no flour.

I'd rather see him go to mill
And buy the luckless brother bread,
And see his children eat their fill
And laugh beneath their humble shed.

I do not like to hear him pray,
"Let blessings on the widow be,"
Who never seeks her home, to say,
"If want o'ertake you, come to me."

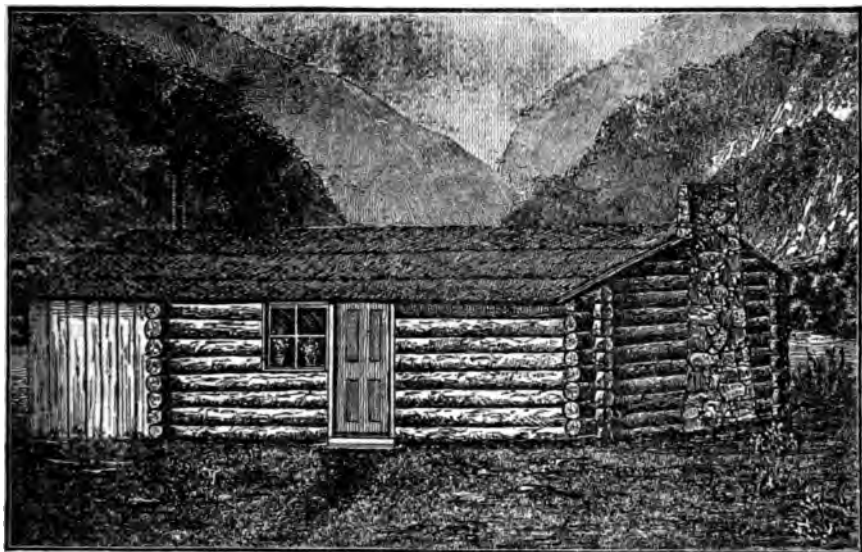
I hate the prayer so loud and long
That's offered for our country's weal
By him who sees it cursed by wrong,
And only with his lips doth feel.

I do not like to hear her pray
With jeweled ear and silken dress,
While Gospel Workers toil all day,
And then are asked to toil for less.

I do not like these soulless prayers;
If wrong, I hope to be forgiven—
No angel wing such upward bears:
They're lost a million miles from heaven.

Adapted from The Hartford Times.

Woman's Department.



ROCKY MOUNTAINS. A CABIN IN WHICH MRS. PICKETT AND HER FAMILY LIVED EIGHT MONTHS.



A FEW OF MRS. PICKETT'S COW BOYS.

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. J. W. Pickett, White Water, Colorado, we present to our readers this month, two illustrations which will bring to mind, with many, her thrilling story of Rocky Mountain experiences. It will be remembered that the collection of \$450 taken at the ladies' meeting at Saratoga, is to help build a chapel for the use of the little church which was organized by Mrs. Pickett. One room of this chapel is to be fitted up as a reading-room for her staunch friends—the cow-boys.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

IN connection with the fortieth session of the General Association of Oregon and Washington, an afternoon session was held by the woman's home and foreign missionary societies. Mrs. J. F. Ellis, vice-president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, presided during the devotional exercises for the first half hour. Mrs. Geo. H. Atkinson, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, took the chair. An interesting report by Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh was read by Mrs. Sanderson. A carefully prepared paper by Mrs. H. P. Tucker, of Arlington, Oregon, on the subject of "Home Missions," was read by Miss Edith Sanderson, after which the president gave a review of the work for the past year. Mrs. Ellis again took charge of the meeting. First on the programme was a children's home missionary concert exercise, "To the Rescue," which was admirably rendered and was an excellent feature of the hour. Twenty-five misses and youths participated, who severally performed their parts with credit to themselves and to Mrs. M. A. Kelly, who had sole charge of their preparation.

The exercise was one prepared by Rev. C. C. Otis, late of Seattle. Twenty-five children took part in this exercise. Ray Foster represented California, Nellie Gillette, Oregon, and Blanche Treen, Washington Territory. Maurice Case represented "Immigration," Hillman Case, "Socialism," Frank Foster, "Mormonism," and Paul Harper, "Intemperance"—the four evils which threaten our nation to its very heart's core—each inscription borne aloft upon a symbolically colored banner. As a remedy for these evils, four girls came bearing Bibles and a banner upon which was inscribed, "Christ for the World." The responsive singing and recitations, the conflict between the good and evil forces continued, until finally the little girls presented Bibles to the boys bearing the evil devices, which signified their overthrow, and left Christ's banner waving victoriously over the field. The conception of the exercise was fine, and the execution good in all respects.

The exercises of the afternoon were of the most interesting character, and were listened to with close attention by a good audience.

The secretary of this society, Mrs. Atkinson, feeling the need of more earnest effort in behalf of Home Missions, has originated a plan to secure pledges of a cent a day from each member of the churches. She hopes through this arrangement to lift the cause from embarrassment, and fill the treasury. She commenced with Plymouth Church, Portland, Oregon. The church is small and poor, but she found a ready and hearty response. When she approached other churches she found the same spirit even with the poorest members of the smallest churches. 'Of course,' says this earnest worker, "it will require time to secure the name of every member, but something has been accomplished, and we intend to go on. We have been in this work forty years, and are still trying to do with our might what our hands find to do. If this plan of "a cent a day" might be carried out in all our churches, the result would be an overflowing treasury, and a rich blessing to our own souls."

NEW YORK.

THE President of the New York Woman's Home Missionary Union—Mrs. Kincaid—has issued a circular letter to her auxiliaries, both inspiring and suggestive. She urges the Congregational women of New York State to renewed zeal in this "inviting work" of extending Christ's kingdom in our land. She says:—"We believe that 'the fate of the world is to be decided where we are,' that 'America christianized means the world christianized.' We would therefore lend a hand in this 'mighty emergency' which is upon us as a nation. In no way have we thought this could better be done than by collecting money for the National Societies of our Congregational body, hence we undertake no independent work.

"The new year opens with a call upon this Union for \$5,500. With this money we shall be able to support two home missionaries upon the frontier, a teacher among the Bohemians, one in Utah, one among the Indians, a general missionary among the Mountain whites and another among the Freedmen. Beside these salaries, we can help in pushing the work of our Sunday-school and Publishing Society in planting new schools, can give a little to the College and Education Society, can help build a church in California and a parsonage in Dakota, and have \$800 left to divide between the A. H. M. S., the A. M. A. and the New West."

MICHIGAN.

THE treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this State, Mrs. Grabill, in a letter inclosing a draft, expresses her joy that Michigan

has given so liberally to the work this year. She says: "I am so glad for the officers of the A. H. M. S., for the missionaries, for the gospel-hungry people, and for our own Michigan folks, and for the good that this giving has done those who have given. I have received much from poor churches. The children have taken hold with a zest. We find that teaching people to give helps dependent churches to self-support."

We advise those who wish to interest children in Home Missions to send for a sample of the very attractive map card, published by the Michigan Woman's Union, and the "Lessons in Home Missions for Young People." Address Miss Alice M. Warren, Olivet, Mich., who is the secretary of the Young People's Department. Why may not other States add to their list of officers, a lady to organize and superintend the work among the young people?

STORY OF A MISSION BAND.

"God did anoint thee with his odorous oil,
To wrestle not to reign; and He assigns
All thy tears over, like pure crystallines,
For younger fellow-workers of the soil
To wear as amulets. So others shall
Take patience, labor, to their hearts and hands,
From thy hands, and thy heart, and thy brave cheer,
And God's grace fructify through thee, to all.
The least flower with a brimming cup, may stand
And share its dew-drop with another near."—E. S.

A FEW years since, a dear Christian lady said, "I should like to do something more for the Master, but as I have thought it over, I see no department of Christian work that is neglected except that of children's mission work, and as I have never had any experience in that direction, I fear to undertake it." After further reflection, and, we doubt not, much prayer on the subject, she decided to do "what her hands found to do," and in the spring of 1885 was organized the Children's Mission Band of the First Congregational Church of Northfield, Minnesota. It consisted of about thirty little girls between the ages of five and fourteen years. Catching the spirit of their leader, they adopted the name of "Willing Workers," which they well deserve. All offices except that of president, are held by themselves, and the money raised during the first six months of the year is devoted to Home Missions, and that of the second six months, to Foreign Missions. Their meetings are held the first Sabbath in each month, the leader aiming to give instruction in the work of missions, and at the same time to make them as interesting and entertaining as possible. Letters are read, and items of information are given from the different missionary publications. The chil-

dren are often asked to bring some interesting story, which they must find themselves. These exercises, together with singing, Scripture reading and some form of prayer, constitute the programme. At the end of six months they have a general review, and the leader is much encouraged to see that many of the lessons have not been forgotten. Each child, on joining the society, receives a little tin bank, or box, which is kept at home, and into which the missionary pennies are put as fast as earned. On birthdays and other special occasions, additional amounts find their way into them. Occasionally a father, or big brother, who has been an honorary member," by vote of the society, contributes fifty cents or a dollar. In this way, and with the proceeds of an entertainment, the society has raised one hundred dollars and over, for missions every year.

Last spring, according to a suggestion received from a story in the *Advance*, they decided to try the plan of increasing a penny. Each child was given a penny and told to see how large she could make it grow. It was hard to invest just one cent, and no more, but every one did so, and honestly too. Pop-corn seemed to be the first thought, and in several cases increased the pennies fifty-fold. One little girl bought slate pencils and sold them for two cents, another bought a needle, and hemmed a towel, for which she was paid. Others invested in chickens, peanuts, flower seeds, and molasses candy. One little chicken, named Penny, grew up in time for a Thanksgiving dinner, and the flower seeds furnished many bouquets to lovers of flowers, and Mission bands. At Christmas time, the forty-five cents thus given out had increased to twelve dollars and sixty-three cents. This sum was kept separate from the yearly collection, and used to buy a present for a lady missionary in whom they were specially interested.

Once a year an entertainment is given, consisting of recitations, songs, etc., together with a sale of simple articles, made mostly by themselves. Last year they had a Japanese evening and secured a fine collection of Japanese articles for sale on commission. A programme was also prepared in two parts. The first part consisted of music and recitations, such as all children delight in, and the second part was given by ten little girls dressed in Japanese costumes and trained to a little nonsense programme of songs and speeches supposed to be appropriate to the assumed characters of the "Japanese Sisters." This proved so pleasing that they were asked to repeat it a few weeks later in another church. Nearly all the members were dressed in Japanese costumes made of pretty but inexpensive material. The entertainment was in connection with a church sociable given by the Ladies' Society, making a very pleasant evening for a large company, beside being pecuniarily successful. But their motto is not "all work and no play," so each year the Willing Workers have one or two picnics and have all the fun they can, feeling glad all the time that they belong to a Mission Band. They now number forty-five

and, although for picnics and entertainments each one is sure to report yet the average attendance at the Sabbath meetings is from twenty to thirty, and it is sincerely hoped that they will strengthen by their love and prayers, by their intelligent interest and their money, the W. H. M. S. and W. B. M. I. of the future.

About two years after the organization of this Mission Band, its loved leader passed into her mansion on high, leaving the delightful work to other hands. *Northfield, Minn.*

Our Young People.

“Do good to the heathen who live in Japan,
Do good to the dwellers in wide Hindostan.
Do good to the isles of the sea, if you can,
Do good to the people on each foreign shore,
But don't forget those so close to your door,
Because they're in darkness in this land of light,
Because with their sin they would overcome right,
And bring on our Nation the blackness of night,
So, for all the wide world, we'll work with our might.”

APPLE BLOSSOMS.

“THE King's Daughters” of Amherst, Mass., held an “Apple Blossom Social,” in June, at the house of Mrs. D. L. Marsh. The Secretary, Miss Fanley, says, “We trimmed the rooms with apple blossoms, and each one of us read or spoke something relating to apple blossoms, and the fruit. The programme was interspersed with singing by the Amherst College Quartette, who very kindly gave their services. Miss Chapin, of Springfield, also sang to us. After the entertainment we served refreshments to the people. We charged thirty cents apiece for the tickets, each one of us selling from nine to twelve. After deducting expenses we are able to send you \$43 for the church at Willow Lake, Dakota. This is our first effort, but I am sure it will not be our last. Most of us are in school and do not have much time to sew for missions, so we have to get up things that do not take very much time. Our ‘ten’ of ‘King's Daughters’ is the first in Amherst.”

Is there not a hint here for other busy school-girls?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

THE following correct answers to the questions are furnished by Mabel B. Stewart, Nina Lamkin, Edwin M. Allender, all of Champaign, Illinois; The Lois Jewett Circle, Webster, New Hampshire; The Helping Hand Society, Sudbury, Mass., and a ten-year-old boy who calls him-

self "Massachusetts." Two lists of well-written answers have come, without any name. If you do not wish to have your name published, you can say so, but the editor, who *can* keep a secret! would like to know who you are.

48. Why did certain eminent ministers of New England go to Boston, Mass., Jan. 11, 1826?

A. To talk with each other about Home Missions, and to get the United Domestic Missionary Society, of New York, to become the *American* Domestic Missionary Society.

49. In what city was The American Home Missionary Society formed?

A. In New York.

50. How many people came together to form it, and in what church did they meet?

A. 126 people. They met in the Brick Presbyterian Church, in New York City.

51. By what churches is this Society supported?

A. The Congregational churches.

52. Ought every Congregational Church in the country to help support this Society?

A. Yes.

53. Why?

Because the future of the West depends upon it, and the future of our country depends upon the West.

Because money is needed to put churches and Sunday-schools where there are none.

Because it is our duty to our fellow-men.

54. Does *your* church help?

A. Yes.

[And that must be the reason why its boys and girls are wide awake.]

55. Define the word "auxiliary."

56. What is a State Auxiliary?

57. How many State Auxiliaries has this Society?

58. Name the States.

59. Where do you find these names?

60. What must a State do, to become an auxiliary of The American Home Missionary Society?

61. What is the American Home Missionary Society trying to do?

62. How?

63. How many Missionaries does this Society send out?

64. Does this Society have any schools?

65. How many, and in what States?

BANNER STATE THIS MONTH.

IN CONTRIBUTIONS: MASSACHUSETTS.

IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS: ILLINOIS.

A GOOD ANSWER.

AN answer from one of our boys, to question 34, came too late to be printed with the other answers, but it is too good to be lost, so we will have it now.

The question is, Are you trying to help this Society, and why?

Answer. "I have not begun to help it much yet, but I WILL do so this year, because Jesus said, 'Go preach my Gospel,' and about the only way you can do that, if you can't go yourself, and want to have a hand in spreading the Gospel, is to send money to those who *do* go, and then, you get represented."

DOLLARS FOR SELF AND CENTS FOR CHRIST.

"Yes, I always give for missions and everything else," said Phil. "I give something every Sunday; don't you?"

"Why, no; I give five or ten cents when I think I can spare it, when I have a good deal of money and don't want it for anything," said Tom.

"I give whatever papa or mamma give me for it," said James. "Sometimes it's more and sometimes it's less."

"Oh, I always give my own money!" said Phil. "I don't think it's any giving at all unless you do that."

"Yours is the best way, I'm sure," said Tom, soberly. "They say it's the regular giving that counts."

"And then, of course, what you give is just so much out of what you'd like to spend on yourself."

"Yes," said Phil, feeling very self-denying and virtuous.

"I'm going to try your way," said Tom. "And I'm going to keep an account and see what it will amount to."

The three boys were on their way home from Sunday-school, where they had heard from a missionary some very interesting accounts of his work. He had treated his subject with all the power which comes of a heart glowing with zeal in the grand work to which he had devoted his life, and, as heart always awakens heart, he had succeeded in deeply stirring the sympathies of his young hearers as he told of lives wretched and degraded in this world and hopeless as regards any other.

Many of them went away with the solemn feeling that they should in some sense be held answerable if they did not strive to hold out a helping hand to those in such sore need. For the present it was plain that missionary interest was at its height, and little societies were formed among Sunday-school children, they believing it would be pleasanter to put their gifts together than to offer them separately.

Several boys came to Phil's house on the next afternoon to talk it

over, and Phil brought his account-book to put down their names as the first members of their society, with a preamble in which occurred many high-sounding words setting forth their resolves and intentions.

"What's this, Phil?" asked his uncle, picking up the book on the same evening after tea.

"Oh that's my account-book, uncle. I brought it down to take names and draw up resolutions for our missionary society."

"May I read it, or is it a secret organization?"

"Certainly, you may. I am simply, you know, trying to work up the idea of liberal giving among the boys."

"A most excellent idea," said his uncle, concealing his amusement at Phil's rather pompous tone. Let me see—bananas, twenty-five cents; soda water, ten cents; peanuts, twenty-five cents; bat, thirty-five cents; candy, fifteen cents; base-ball cap, seventy-five cents; Sunday-school, six cents—"

"Oh, stop, Uncle George; that isn't in it! That's when I was visiting at Cousin Tom's, and I promised mamma I'd put down every cent I spent."

But Uncle George seemed not to hear, and went on—

"Peanuts, fifteen cents; bananas, twenty-five cents; getting shoe mended, forty cents; soda water, ten cents; missionaries, five cents; getting bat mended, fifteen cents; lemonade for the boys, fifty cents; bananas, twenty-five cents; collection in church, two cents."

"Please give me the book, uncle."

"I am glad you don't forget your charitable duties, Phil," said his uncle, giving up the book with rather a mischievous smile.

Phil took it in some confusion. He had heretofore thought but little more of his spendings than to remember his mother's wish that he should keep an account of the money with which she kept him so liberally supplied. Now, in looking over his hasty entries, he was astonished.

"Well, well!" he exclaimed, as he added up one page; "two dollars and ninety cents for eating and play, and seventeen cents for giving, and I bragging to the boys what a good thing it is to give regularly!"

He was a conscientious boy, and his heart smote him as he ran over the long list, and thought, with his newly-awakened feelings, of the Bread of Life which that money might have carried to starving souls. If his mother had aimed to teach him a lesson through his account-book, she had not failed.

He got up at last and stood before the glass.

"Now, my young man," he said, shaking his head very threateningly at the boyish face he saw there, "you know very well that a quarter for peanuts doesn't look any larger to you than a pin's head, and that a quarter for giving looks as big as a cart-wheel—but that's got to stop, sir! This book isn't going to hold any more accounts of dollars for trash and cents for Sunday-school."—*Exchange.*

Appointments in July, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Baskerville, Mark, Aurora, Neb.
 Berry, George R., Arena and Logan, So. Dak.
 Blease, William H., West Pittston and Exeter, Penn.
 Campbell, J. G., Ree Heights and Greenleaf, So. Dak.
 Covell, Arthur J., Fremont, Mich.
 Clark, Victor F., David City, Neb.
 Davy, James J., Rose Valley, No. Dak.
 Edwards, John, Lansford, Penn.
 Hendrickson, John, Ironwood, Mich.
 Matthews, James T., Blossburg and Arnot, Penn.
 Neumann, Isaac, Guide Rock, Beaver and Willow Creek, Neb.
 Pascoe, William H., Rio Dell and Scotia, Cal.
 Sanborn, Daniel L., Baldwin, Mich.
 Trieber, Michael, Sutton, Neb.
 Vogle, Henry, Guadenfeld, Rosenfeld, St. John and St. Peter, So. Dak.

Re-commissioned.

Avery, Holly H., Wano, Kan.
 Bacon, Miles E., Gettysburg, Lebanon, Davidson and out-station, So. Dak.
 Badertscher, Gottfried, Warrenville, N. J.
 Bailey, Amos J., Ogden City, Utah.
 Battey, Richard H., Millbank, So. Dak.
 Beach, Edwin R., Saddle, Or.
 Belsey, George, Kane, Penn.
 Bickford, Warren F., Lorin, Cal.
 Bonney, John R., De Smet, So. Dak.
 Bowman, David D., Eureka, Cal.
 Brown, Amasa A., Mitchell and Thomas school-house, So. Dak.
 Cadwalader, John, West Bangor, Penn.
 Camfield, Lewis E., Letcher and Firesteel, So. Dak.
 Combs, Clement, Billings, Ritchey and Nicholas Junction, Mo.
 Cooke, William H., Oakland, Cal.
 Cooper, Joseph H., Addison, Mich.
 Cressman, Edmund, Kilpatrick, Neb.
 Davis, Joseph W., Rapid City, Dak.
 Diggs, Marshall W., Fort Recovery, Ohio.
 Dodge, Milo W., Griffin's Mills, N. Y.
 Dyas, Joseph P., Henry and Elrod, So. Dak.
 Earl, James, Evangelist in Minn.
 Evans, John G., Nanticoke, Penn.
 Fisk, Pliny B., Creshard and Myron, So. Dak.
 Fisk, Wilbur, Freeborn, Freedom, Manchester, Hartford, and McPherson, Minn.
 Gilchrist, Howard H., Little River and Galva, Kan.
 Griffith, Evan T., Fountain Springs, Penn.
 Griffith, William, Sykeston, Ontario, Oshkosh and vicinity, No. Dak.
 Henderson, Thomas H., Albina, Or.
 Hodges, John G., Hersey, Mich.
 Holt, Joseph W., Rosedale, White Settlement and Hay Lake, Mich.
 Howells, Edmund D., Adin, Cal.

Huntley, Sanford F., Templeton, Lynndale, Ed Bethel and Waterbury, So. Dak.
 Johnston, Thomas C., Honey Creek and Kaho Mo.
 Jones, John A., Allia, Cal.
 Kelsey, Francis D., Helena, Mon.
 Kyle, James H., Ipswich, So. Dak.
 Lawrence, Henry O., Brainard, Minn.
 Lee, George H., Pendleton, Or.
 Libby, Edgar H., Dustin, Sonneyview, Richman and Pioneer, Neb.
 Lippard, James H., Smith Center, Kan.
 Liston, Robert T., Nogales and Harshaw, Ari.
 Lloyd, George, Gilmore, Mich.
 Lyman, Albert T., Alexandria, Emery and Fenton, So. Dak.
 McArthur, William W., Fertile and Mentor, Mi.
 McHenry, Fergus G., Bloomington, Kan.
 McIntosh, David C., Breckenridge, Utica and Maple Grove, Mo.
 McNair, David C., Mine La Motte, Mo.
 Millar, William H., Chesaning, Mich.
 Miller, John W., Sac Bay, Kates Bay, Rapid River and Masonville, Mich.
 Nelson, Andrew G., Sauk Rapids and Upsa Minn.
 Norton, Reuben, Eden, Alcester and two out-stations, So. Dak.
 Palmer, Asa B., Soquel, Cal.
 Powell, Gregory J., Chadron and Flag Butte, N.
 Pressy, Edwin S., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Redeff, Richard, Sherman, Cleon and Mari Mich.
 Robbins, Anson H., Lake Preston and No Preston, So. Dak.
 Sage, Charles J., Evangelist in Mo.
 Schaefer, John, Crete, Neb.
 Schnerle, Gottlieb, New Hope and Stockholm, Neb.
 Sherk, Abraham B., Riceville and Centreville, Penn.
 Slasor, Leroy V., Lenora, Wakeman, Glen Val and Cheeseman, Kan.
 Smith, James M., Hancock and Lake Emily, Mi.
 Snell, Charles Y., Dickinson and Gladstone, I Dak.
 Snyder, Henry C., Fruitport and Nunica, Mich.
 Somerville, Jay W., Alba, Mich.
 Spring, John W., Linwood and Lenape, Kan.
 Tobey, Isaac F., Rocklin, Cal.
 Travis, David Q., Meadville, Mo.
 Trueblood, Jasper, Mauckport, Central Bee wood, Ind.
 Tuck, Mark W., Standish, Mich.
 Tuttle, Charles F., Clare and Dover, Mich.
 Wallace, Stryker A., Billings, Mon.
 Washburn, William S., Bon Homme and LaPorte, So. Dak.
 Weidmann, Peter, Spring Creek, Neb.
 Wheelock, Rufus A., Sherman, Tex.
 Wiberg, George, St. Louis, Mo.
 Wilson, John J., Clear Creek and Beulah, Kan.
 Wirt, David, Lexington and Arlington, Or.
 Woods, Abel S., Philadelphia, N. Y.

Receipts in July, 1888.

MAINE—\$337.75.

Received by J. L. Crosby, Treas. Maine
 Miss. Sec.:
 Bangor, First, by W. P.
 Hubbard \$28 00

John W. Coffin..... \$30 00

Bath, Winter Street Ch., special.....
 Machias, Center St., by A. L. Heaton.....
 Portland, Williston Ch. Benev. Fund,
 by G. F. Thureton.....

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St. Lawrence St., by J. J. Gerrish...	\$10 00	C. A. Lincoln's Class in S. S. of Plymouth Ch.	\$25 00
F. T. Bayley	50 00	S. Pierce	10 00
Waldoboro, Mrs. C. J. Stover, \$3.50;			
Mrs. S. A. Trowbridge, \$1; Mrs. W. Young, 25c.	3 75		
Wells, B. Maxwell	20 00		
NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$112.75.		RHODE ISLAND—\$141.57.	
Dover, Mrs. A. A. Fairbanks	\$5 00	Central Falls, A Friend	60 00
Keene, Targuhie Soc. by E. W. Richards, for Salary Fund	50 00	Peace Dale, by J. A. Brown	56 57
Littleton, by A. J. Church	13 75	Providence, by H. C. Waters, for Salary Fund	25 00
London, J. S. Jones	45 00		
Portsmouth, A few ladies of North Ch. special	8 00		
Wilton, Second Ch., by C. Wilson	11 00		
VERMONT—\$157.70.		CONNECTICUT—\$3,558.30; of which Legacies, \$1,500.00.	
Received by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:		Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas. by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.	\$263 78
St. Johnsbury, Ladies of South Ch.	\$25 00	Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks	50 00	Bridgeport, Aux. of the South Ch., for Salary Fund	\$35 00
Ladies of H. M. Soc. of North Ch.	60 00	Chaplin, A Friend, for Salary Fund	2 00
	135 00	Hartford, S. S. First Ch.	24 00
Brookfield, by Rev. R. D. Metcalf	4 00	New Haven, A Friend, by Mrs. G. L. Walker, special	25 00
New Haven, A Friend	2 00		
Randolph, A Friend, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5 00	Ashford, Mrs. C. S. Trowbridge	5 00
South Royalton, Mrs. S. H. Jones	10 00	Bethel, Ladies' Mite Boxes, by Miss H. H. Seelye	20 72
West Pawlet, by Rev. I. Jones	1 70	Bridgeport, S. S. of Second Ch., to const. Mortimer S. Comstock a L. M.	50 00
MASSACHUSETTS—\$11,800.33; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.		Broad Brook, Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. D. E. Jones, special	25 00
Mas. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas., (of which \$500. from A. E. Hildreth annuity), of which for Bohemian Work, \$5; Woman's Dep. \$36.75; for Crete College, Neb., special, \$10.	\$7,500 00	Brooklyn, Mrs. A. B. Woodbridge, to const. herself a L. M.	50 00
Amherst, First, by W. Hamlin	75 00	Cheshire, S. E. Stoddard	5 00
Mrs. E. J. Seelye	50 00	Columbia, by S. F. West	23 50
A Friend	2 00	Connecticut, A Friend	100 00
Amherst Plains, Mrs. W. W. Glazier	5 00	Deep River, R. C., special	1 00
Boston, W. H. M. A., by Sarah K. Burgess, Tr., for Salary Fund	189 99	Ellington, to const. Rev. W. T. Hutchins, John Thompson, John T. McKnight, George Harrison and Mrs. Fanny Pinney L. Ms.	278 82
Braintree, Miss S. H. Thayer, special	10 00	Enfield, Gleaners' Mission Circle, in full, to const. Mrs. Charity Hayes a L. M., by Mrs. F. B. Gowdy	30 00
Cambridge, Thank-offering from a Friend	10 00	Farmington, Ch. \$31.95; Henry D. Hawley, to const. Miss Grace M. Holt a L. M., \$100, by F. C. Jones	181 95
Concord, by Mrs. S. A. Hazen	33 51	Gullford, A Friend	100 00
Dorchester, Mrs. Walter Baker, special	100 00	Hartford, Legacy of Samuel T. Wolcott, by Samuel E. Elmore, Ex.	1,000 00
Dorchester, Union Soc., by G. R. Dickinson	6 40	First, A Friend, \$5; A Friend, \$1, for "Ground Hog Skin Fund"	6 00
Dorchester, by Mrs. W. H. Wright	4 40	"Hail Columbia"	5 00
El River, Miss S. V. Bowen, special	1 00	Huntington, Legacy of Noah Baldwin, by W. S. Downs, Adm.	500 00
Forgetown, Young Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss Alice A. Wildes, for Mo. Pelt Fund	1 00	New Haven, First Ch., in full, by F. S. Bradley	68 50
Lyndenville, by C. D. Waite	15 00	New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr	54 06
Malta Plain, C. T. Bauer, Thank-offering	15 00	Plainville, by H. S. Potter	100 10
Minster, Int. on Woodbury Fund, by A. O. Wilder	120 00	Salisbury, W. H. M. S., by Mrs. M. H. Williams, for work among foreigners	37 00
Minneagau, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund	15 00	Scitico, J. W. Stowe, Bal. to const. a L. M.	10 00
El. A. Goodman, for Crete College Fund	25 00	Somers, by L. W. Percival	26 10
Bedford, Mrs. M. L. F. Bartlett	30 00	South Britain, by C. A. Bradley	19 31
Braintree, by G. K. Tufts, special	36 00	Southington, by L. B. Neal	79 20
Brown Center, Rev. Dr. Furber, special	5 00	Stonington, Second, by J. E. Smith	86 05
Northampton, A. L. Williston	300 00	Stafford Springs, by F. H. Spelman	13 47
Northboro, by C. A. Lawrence	51 54	Stratford, M. De, for Swedish Fund	5 00
Northford, First, by W. E. Pease	83 00	Terryville, E. Fenn	3 00
Northney, J. H. Wheble	1 00	Wallingford, Pledge Fund, by G. M. Judd	66 30
Northfield, by Mrs. M. E. Cowles	11 80	Waterbury, Kate L. Maltby, add'l	5 00
North Acton, S. M. D., towards nails for Mrs. Pickett's Rocky Mountain Ch., special	1 00	West Hartford, Friends in Conn., for Salary Fund	200 00
North Deerfield, Birthday offerings for three persons, by C. A. Stowell	2 28	Westport, \$21.53; Saugatuck, \$7, by H. C. Woodworth	28 53
Northfield, by G. R. Morrison	66 11	Windham, Alice W. Robbins	55
North Worcester, on account of legacy of David Whitcomb, by Henry Whitcomb, Ex.	3,000 00	Winthrop, Two Sisters, by R. E. Rice	10 00
		Woodbury, North Ch., by L. E. Dawson	26 27

NEW YORK—\$2,121.39; of which Legacy, \$400.00.

Received by Rev. J. G. Upton:

Pulaaki.....\$14 50
Volney.....4 25

\$18 75

Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas.

W. H. M. U.:

Albany, Aux., special.....\$11 00
Crown Point, A Friend in
Essex Co., general work. 25 00
Special for Mrs. J. W.
Pickett.....5 00
Fairport, Ladies' Aux.,
special.....5 67
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Howard
to const. Mrs. Nancy
Weare, a L. M.....50 00
Smyrna, Young Peoples'
Soc.....5 00

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Albany, A Friend.....50 00
Aguebogue, by C. F. Wells.....12 00
Blackrockville, for Debt. A. L. H.....15 00
Brooklyn, Rochester Avenue Ch., by
John Fraser, Tr., to const. John
Ahrens and Oscar Frisbie L. M. 125 29
Union Ch., by W. C. Greene.....5 00
Nazarene Ch., by Rev. A. J. Henry.....3 00
Rev. E. P. Thwing D. D., \$10; Mrs.
S. H. Brown, \$4.40.....14 40
Candor, by Rev. J. P. Richardson.....19 00
E. A. Booth.....100 00
Chatham, A Friend.....10 00
Churchville, by A. D. Stone.....61 32
East Rockaway, by Rev. Ch. Bente.....23 00
Flushing, Young Peoples' Soc. and
S. S., by J. W. Treadwell, for Boh.
Bible Reader's Home.....25 00
Hemlock Lake, A Friend.....3 00
Hollis, A Friend, special.....15 00
Hopkinton, by J. Brush.....86 00
Ithaca, First, by S. D. Sawyer.....89 00
Kenka, Mrs. E. Wilson.....5 00
New Village and Farmingville, by
Rev. F. A. Valentine.....4 00
New York City, Mrs. Parker, \$100; S.
T. Gordon, \$100; O. W. Coe, \$50;
Alice Clifton and Florence Yonel
Pond, their gift after death, \$1.57;
W. Abbott, \$1; Miss J. A. Van
Allen, \$1.....253 57
Nineval, A Friend.....500 00
North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows.....3 61
Norwich, by J. Hammond.....39 60
Orient, Miss's Circle, in part, to
const. G. W. Hallock & L. M., by
G. W. Hallock.....25 00
Owego, by J. M. Hastings.....11 00
Paris, by Rev. W. E. Mather.....37 50
Perry Center, Miss Cornelia Butler.....10 00
Remsen, by Rev. J. F. Humphrey.....4 00
Sidney, by J. E. Sherman.....15 52
Springville, S. P. J., "To help move
along the pink line on the Map
Cards".....5 00
Street Road, The Widow's Mite.....1 00
Suspension Bridge, by John Brown.....10 23
Syracuse, Legacy of Ira H. Cobb, by
Nathan Cobb, Ex.....400 00
West Brook, by W. L. McClenon.....4 50
West Carthage, by Rev. G. B. Rowley.....13 08
Westmoreland, by J. Bell.....11 25

NEW JERSEY—\$64.06.

Chester, Ladies' Assoc., by Rev. F. A.
Johnson, for Salary Fund.....42 00
Jersey City, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood.....9 30
Plainfield, Mrs. M. E. Whiton.....10 00
Warrenville, by Rev. G. Badertscher.....2 76

PENNSYLVANIA—\$71.90.

Alden, by Rev. D. I. Jones.....2 00
Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....7 50
Corry, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs.
H. King and Rev. J. G. Fraser.....5 00East Smithfield, by A. O. Tracy.....\$15
Ebensburg, by C. T. Roberts.....7
Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....6
Nanticoke, by Rev. J. G. Evans.....5
Roxboro, A Friend.....14
Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. McCracken.....5
West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader.....2

MARYLAND—\$300.00.

Maryland, A Friend.....500

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$75.00.

Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of
Cong. Ch., by Miss Lizzie Patterson,
for Salary Fund.....26
Mrs. N. A. Thacher to const. Sarah
A. Thacher a L. M.....50

ARKANSAS—\$1.10.

Siloam Springs, by Rev. V. E. Loba.....1

FLORIDA—\$16.85.

Woman's H. M. Union, by Rev. S. V.
McDuffee.....\$
Daytona, Mrs. G. H. Clark.....1
Longwood, \$2.75; West Longwood,
\$5; by Rev. L. C. Partridge.....1

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$11.58.

McAllister, by Rev. J. H. Van Dyne.....4
Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross.....1
Hopkins, by Rev. H. H. Hines.....1

ARIZONA—\$28.19.

Nogales, by Rev. R. T. Liston.....2

OHIO—\$1,702.85; of which Legacy, \$714.20.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue.....\$60 57
by T. M. Bates.....\$60 57
Franklin Avenue, by Rev.
S. B. Shipman, D.D.....20 90
Hartford, Ch., by Mrs. Alice
Durfey.....5 00
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Met-
calf.....10 00
Received in June by S. P. Churchill,
Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:
Cleveland, First.....\$23 25
Euclid Avenue.....69 00
Elyria, First.....10 00
Unionville, S. S.....5 65
Wellington, S. S.....20 00

127 90

By Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. O.
W. H. M. Union:
Bellevue, L. M. S.....\$3 66
Brooklyn Village.....13 15
Columbus, Eastwood L. M.....10 00
S.....10 00

26 81

Received by Rev. R. Qualfe, Churches

and Individuals.....15

Bellevue, S. W. Boise.....20

Castalia, by Rev. J. C. Prentice.....

Cleveland, Remainder of Legacy of

Elisha Taylor, by J. W. Taylor, Ex.....71

By Rev. J. H. Hull.....

By Rev. E. E. Scoville.....

East Liverpool, Rev. H. D. Kitchel,
D.D.....2

Hampden, by Rev. H. A. N. Richards.....

Medina, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch.,
\$17.69; A Friend, \$5; by W. H.
Sipher.....2

Oberlin, First, by H. G. Husted.....

Miss O. Hertz for Swedish Fund.....

Painesville, Mrs. A. N. Andrus.....2

Windham, by A. S. Higby.....

Miss E. A. Alford, to const. herself
a L. M.....1

INDIANA—\$18.84

Coal Bluff, by Rev. J. Hayes..... \$6 84
 Mauckport, by Rev. J. Trueblood..... 12 00

ILLINOIS—\$1,082.70; of which Legacy, \$1,000.00.

Received by Mrs. C. E. Maltby, Treas.
 Ill. W. H. M. U. 12 70
 Chicago, On account of Legacy of
 Philo Carpenter, by Rev. J. Tomp-
 kins, D.D. 1,000 00
 On account of Estate of Philo Car-
 penter, by Rev. J. E. Roy, D.D. 57 00
 Delavan, R. Houghton 10 00
 Ridge Prairie, Rev. A. Kern 3 00

MISSOURI—\$45.18

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas.
 W. H. M. Soc.:
 Laclede, Mrs. E. D. Seward..... \$5 00
 Pierce City, L. H. M. S. of
 First Ch. 15 00

Billings, Everton and Ritchey, by
 Rev. C. Combs..... 3 00

Kidder and Sharon, by Rev. J. M.
 Bowers 8 00

La Grange, by Rev. J. Reuth 5 00

St. Louis, by Rev. E. F. Swab 6 68

By Rev. G. Wilberg..... 2 50

MICHIGAN—\$1,063.82

Received by Rev. L. Warren:

Almira 2 70
 Canandaigua 13 00
 Detroit, Trumbull Ave. Ch. 35 86
 Manistee 18 15
 Morenci 27 25
 Tawas City 2 07
 The "Wide Awakes" Miss'y
 Soc. 100 00
 Wheatland, Ch. 18c.; S. S.
 \$2.50; A Member of Church,
 \$5 15 00

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas.

Woman's H. M. Union:
 Almont \$8 00
 Bridgeport, for Salary Fund. 4 52
 Churches' Corners 5 50
 Detroit, Ladies' Union 50 00
 Greenville 15 15
 Lansing 20 20
 Portland 8 00
 Ransom 5 00
 Webster, A Friend 5 00

\$181 87

North Star Mission:

Bridgeport, S. S. for Salary
 Fund. 7 10
 Carson City, S. S., add'l. 1 00
 Hopkins Station, S. S. 2 30
 Hubbardston, Y. P. S. C. E. 1 00
 Imlay City, John Stapleton. 50
 Mecosta, S. S. 2 50
 Muskegon, S. S. 21 20
 Olivet, S. S., add'l. 76
 Tipton, S. S. 4 41
 Traverse City, S. S. 15 00

\$55 77

Received by Rev. C. F. Van Au-
 ken:

Alpena \$123 25
 Dover 15 79
 Harrison 22 41
 St. Louis 7 85
 Tipton 20 07

190 87

Detroit, Washbasel Avenue, by C. A.

Burr 38 83
 East Saginaw, by E. W. Glynn..... 12 65
 Freeport, by Rev. R. Vivian 7 20
 Kalama, by Rev. E. Ewell 17 30
 Leansburg, by J. V. D. Wyckoff. 7 18
 Maple Rapids and East Fulton, by
 Rev. W. H. Shannon 5 00

Manistee, by Rev. C. G. Lundquist... \$3 00

Mecosta, by Rev. J. A. Curham..... 5 15

Michigan, Friends, by Rev. W. G.

Puddefoot 75 00

Michigan, "A Memorial" 200 00

Nashville, by Rev. F. Hurd 9 00

Olivet, by G. W. Keyes 56 72

Reed City, A Friend 10 00

Sugar Island, by Rev. J. McGregor... 3 00

Watervliet, by Rev. W. B. Dada..... 22 35

WISCONSIN—\$136.45

Received by Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Treas.

Woman's H. M. Union:

For Bohemian Work:

Beloit, First Ch. \$34 55

Grand Rapids, S. S. Birthday

Box 2 00

Ashland, by Rev. W. T. Sutherland... 36 55

Beloit, by Rev. Jer. Porter 16 00

Clear Lake, by Rev. M. Peterson..... 50 00

Clear Lake, by Rev. M. Peterson..... 1 50

La Crosse, First, by S. S. Burton..... 19 08

Washburn, by Rev. G. A. Hood..... 13 22

IOWA—\$52.70

Brittand Wesley, by Rev. L. C.

Johnson 5 20

Garnaville, Rev. G. M. Porter 5 00

Grinnell, Rev. F. W. Walcott, special.

Jefferson, Rev. D. B. Kells 20 00

McGregor, Young People's Mission

Band, by Mrs. J. H. Ellsworth,

special, for Rev. A. J. Drake's

church 12 50

MINNESOTA—\$708.35

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:

Alexandria, S. S., by G. L.

Treat \$ 5 00

Duluth, Pilgrim, by T. H.

Hawkes 112 00

Excelsior, Ch., by Mrs. Young 21 20

Faribault, by H. Wilson 29 26

Lake City, by E. J. Manning 12 37

Minneapolis, Plymouth, by H.

B. Hudson 61 75

Monticello, by I. C. Tarbox 5 00

St. Paul, Park Ch. by E. F.

Lambert 69 01

Zumbrota, S. S. by E. J. Rice. 7 58

323 17

By Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.

Woman's H. M. Soc.:

Benson 3 50

Fergus Falls, for Salary Fund 6 40

Glyndon, Aux. 6 50

Lake Stay, Aux. 3 25

Minneapolis, Plymouth W. H.

M. S. 44 00

Open Door, for Salary Fund 5 00

Pilgrim Gleaners 10 00

Mrs. Henry Plant 5 00

A Friend 10 00

New Ulm, Aux. of which

\$2.60 for Bohemian Work. 8 00

St. Cloud 21 00

St. Paul, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.,

of which \$3 for Salary Fund, 64 00

Plymouth, S. S., \$50; Y. L. M.

S., \$31.50 81 56

Park, for Salary Fund 5 00

Stillwater 4 70

Winona 15 50

293 41

Appleton, by Rev. J. T. Marvin..... 616 58

Forest Mills and Lake City, by Rev. J.

F. Root 3 25

Hawley, by Rev. O. M. Smith 1 00

Mantorville, by Rev. E. E. Webber... 5 00

Pelican Rapids, by Rev. J. C. Hunt-

ington 19 00

Rushford, by Rev. O. P. Champlin... 18 00

St. Cloud, First, by W. S. Clark 5 50

St. Charles, by Mrs. L. W. Howe 10 00

Stillwater, by Rev. J. H. Albert 12 42

Stillwater, by Rev. J. H. Albert 17 44

KANSAS—\$147.80.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty,	
Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Woman's H. M. Soc.:	\$15 25
Manhattan, Mrs. Mary Parker:	60 00
Sterling, A. Friend:	5 00

Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. T. V. Davies:	3 00
Ash Rock, New Harmony and Mt. Air, by Rev. R. S. Osborn:	9 00
Clay Center, by Rev. L. C. Schnacke:	6 50
Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby:	1 50
Garden City, by Rev. S. Wood:	7 50
Gritzland and Rotate, by Rev. D. H. Minich:	3 00
Lenora and Wakeman, by Rev. L. V. Siasor:	1 50
Longton and Elk Falls, by Rev. G. Marsh:	3 00
Mt. Hope and Haven, by Rev. E. J. Collins:	1 50
Osborne, by Rev. E. Skinner:	10 00
Stockton, by Rev. F. E. Sherman:	4 55
Udall, by Rev. W. D. Trover:	12 50
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr:	3 00
Wichita, by Rev. F. Foster:	1 00
Correction. Chapman, Detroit, and Enterprise, by Rev. J. F. Smith.	

[Erroneously acknowledged in July.]

NEBRASKA—\$190.35.

Received by the Rev. J. L. Maille:	
Neel, by E. Staryer:	\$3 40
By Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Franklin:	12 25
Genoa:	9 00
Lincoln, First:	1 00
North Hastings:	1 00
Ogallala:	1 00
Omaha, First:	35 00

Received by Rev. G. E. Taylor,	
Churches and Individuals:	20 05
Ainsworth, by Rev. T. W. De Long:	15 00
Chadron and Flag Butte, by Rev. G. J. Powell:	6 01
Crete, by Rev. J. Schaefer:	1 75
Culbertson, Osborne and Hayes Co., by Rev. J. Arnold:	2 00
Glenrock, by Rev. H. Bross:	3 05
Hastings, by Rev. P. J. Falk:	3 60
Long Pine, by Rev. S. I. Hanford:	1 00
Newcastle, by Rev. W. J. Paske:	15 25
Reno, by Rev. T. Magill:	17 00
Wahoo, by Rev. A. A. Cressman:	25 00
York, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. K. Williams:	18 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$10.50.

Carrington, by Rev. C. T. Whittlesey:	1 00
Cooperstown, by Rev. H. P. James:	2 50
Mayville, by Rev. W. M. Ellis:	5 00
Sykeston, by Rev. W. Griffith:	2 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$156.45.

Received by Mrs. S. Fifield, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
De Smet:	\$3 20
Plankinton:	5 75
Mrs. Black's S. S. Class:	1 50
Yankton:	6 25

Lake Henry and Hartland, by Rev. F. G. Appleton:	5 65
Huron, by Mrs. B. M. Bowley, Asst. Treas.	112 10
Iroquois, Mrs. A. J. Drake:	1 00
La Grange, by Rev. D. B. Nichols:	3 00
Lead City, by Rev. A. H. Bears:	5 00
Redfield, by Rev. A. Wurschmidt:	10 00
Springfield, by Rev. C. Seccombe:	3 00

COLORADO—\$70.60.

Colorado Springs, Woman's Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Harriet P. Campbell:	25 00
Denver, by Rev. W. H. Brodhead:	40 00

Harmon, by Rev. W. L. Gilman..... \$5 33

WYOMING—\$5.00.

Big Horn, Sheridan and Becton..... 5 00

MONTANA—\$2.00.

Butte City, by Rev. J. B. Clark..... 2 00

CALIFORNIA—\$73.40.

Received by Rev. J. H. Warren:	
Oakland, Market Street Ch.:	\$5 00
Oroville:	10 23
Eagle Rock and Edgemont, by Rev. E. Cash:	16 28
Fairview and Pescadero, by Rev. D. F. Taylor:	2 50
Green Valley, by Rev. R. Taylor:	4 75
Halleck, by Rev. E. B. Howell:	5 00
Hydesville and Rohnerville, by Rev. J. Macdonald:	2 37
Los Angeles, A. M. Duncan:	10 00
Modesto, by Rev. G. Mechttersheimer:	5 00
Monrovia, by Rev. D. H. Colcord:	5 00
Raymond, by Rev. T. T. Frickstadt:	6 00
Rocklin, by Rev. J. F. Tobey:	1 75
San Jacinto, by Rev. S. W. Delzell:	5 00
Sierra Valley, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook:	8 30

OREGON—\$81.10.

Received by Rev. James Steele, Treas.	
Or. and Wash. Ter. H. M. Soc.:	
Albany:	\$5 75
Corvallis:	12 75
By Mrs. G. A. Rockwood,	18 50
Treas. W. H. M. Soc. Or.	
and W. T.:	
Hood River:	\$15 15
Walla Walla, Aux.:	1 00
Beaver Creek, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson,	16 15
D. D.:	34 65
Hood River, by Rev. F. Balch:	1 50
Oregon Ctv. Mrs. E. Stevens:	10 00
Portland, First Ch., Helping Hand Soc., \$21.10; Albina, \$3.85, by Rev. T. H. Henderson:	5 00
By Rev. E. Haskell:	24 25

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$30.10.

Anacortes, by Rev. H. J. Taylor:	4 25
Cheney, by Rev. A. H. Howells:	3 20
Farmington and Endicott, by Rev. F. V. Hoyt:	1 00
John River and Wynooche, by Rev. O. A. Thomas:	2 50
Ritzville, by Rev. E. J. Singer:	4 15
Spokane Falls, Joyful Workers, by Agnes Cowley:	5 00
Whatcom, by Rev. J. Wolfe:	10 00

SANDWICH ISLANDS—\$400.00.

Kohala, Rev. Elias Bond:	400 00
HOME MISSIONARY:	130 30

\$325,306.26*Donations of Clothing, Etc.*

Bristol, Ct., Ladies' H. M. Soc., through the Woman's Congl. H. M. Union of Conn., by Mrs. N. L. Brewster, barrel and freight:	\$140 30
Centerbrook, Ct., Young Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Chas. Kelsey, box, freight and cash:	70 00
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, barrel:	42 07
Lakeville, Ct., box:	125 00
San Francisco, Cal., First Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Warren, three boxes, package and cash:	317 10

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society, from June 1, 1888, to July 31, 1888, L. D. STEVENS, Treas.*

Acworth, Cong. Church and Soc.	\$8 91
Andover, Center.	5 00
Andover, East.	15 00
Barnstead Parade.	19 00
Bethlehem, Mrs. Winch.	5 00
Chester, Church and Soc.	30 00
Chichester, Legacy of Augustus Leavitt	950 00
Cornish, Interest on Legacy of Miss Westgate	24 21
Concord, First, for A. H. M. S.	24 49
Gilsum, for A. H. M. S.	15 00
Greenland.	33 00
Goffstown.	53 00
Great Falls.	32 00
Hampstead.	12 00
Hampton.	14 00
Hudson.	4 00
Keene, First.	40 00
Lacon, Church and Soc.	9 46
London.	3 72
Manchester, Hanover Street.	59 80
Nashua.	39 22
Newington.	4 41
Plymouth.	11 47
Rindge (A Friend, a Thank-offering, \$3)	15 00
Rockingham County Conference.	13 76
Salisbury.	3 00
Salmon Falls.	10 17
Willmot.	7 00
Walpole.	31 37
West Concord, for A. H. M. S.	25 00
Wakefield.	12 00
New Hampshire Cent Society.	505 08

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MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, in July, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.*

Andover, by Rev. Aug. Alvord.	\$13 00
Andover, Free Christian, by Mrs. M. C. Cole.	129 14
Bank Balance, Interest on.	70 30
Barnardston, and S. S., by Henry Slate.	37 00
Boston, A Friend, to const. A. L. Kennedy, M. D., a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00
Boston, A Thank-offering, Mrs. S. D. H.	5 00
Boston, A. L. special.	5 00
C. A. S.	5 00
Special for German students in Crete College, Neb.	50 00
Daniels, Mrs. A. F., to const. self a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00
Dorchester, E. M.	10 00
Harvard, by E. F. Gleason.	6 00
Second, by Miss E. Tolman (of wh. \$40 for A. H. M. S.).	119 68
S. S., by Miss E. L. Tolman.	58
Village, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss J. K. Wright, to const. Mrs. Wm. Tucker and Miss Harriet D. Hutchinson, L. M.	60 00
Village, S. S., by Asa C. Hawes, for Western Work.	59 08
Payra, Mrs. Emily P.	100 00
Friends, to redeem Saratoga pledge for Crete College, Neb., by A. McLean.	61 00
Greeley, Rev. F. N., for Iroquois, Dak.	5 00
Memeto Sales.	3 00
Roxbury, Highlands' "Our Country Assn.", by John Hale, special for French Prot. College.	9 50
Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.	95 59
South, Phillips, by Miss Lucinda Smith, for Rev. C. M. Daley, Dak.	25 00
"To redeem this land for Christ," for A. H. M. S.	50 00
Union, by Albert Gay, (of wh. \$50 for Slave work).	274 73

Mrs. C. P. Adams.	\$100 00
Brimfield, First, by M. H. Corbin.	6 80
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.	74 13
Buckland, by Chas. Howes.	39 86
Cambridge, A. E. Hildreth, Annuity, by A. E. H. Sons.	500 00
Charlemont, East, by J. T. Packard.	7 50
Chelsea, First, by H. W. Jeffers.	36 00
Chicago, Ill., Partial returns from suit at law.	150 85
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.	2 22
Danvers, Maple St., by Eben Peabody.	158 79
Maple St., S. S., by Eben Peabody.	28 58
Dedham, First, by Calvin Guild (\$9.79 Mon. Con. Coll.).	177 80
E. Paul.	5 00
Falmouth, First, by Rev. H. K. Craig, Mon. Con. Coll.	14 25
Gloucester, Evan., by Jos. O. Proctor.	50 00
Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Treas.	
Granville, East.	\$27 00
Huntington, Second.	21 11
Longmeadow, East.	3 50
Monson.	59 02
Springfield, First.	190 00
Indian Orchard.	10 00
Memorial.	101 28
North.	77 00
Olivet.	85 00
South.	184 20
Westfield, First, (of wh. \$38.01 for Shutesbury repairs).	60 29
Second.	24 35
West Springfield, Mittineague.	16 75
Park St.	89 08
Wilbraham.	21 01
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce.	3 00
Harvard, Rev. C. C. Torrey.	10 00
Haverhill, Center, by Ezra Kelly.	100 00
Hingham, Evan., by J. O. Sanborn.	18 18
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge.	10 83
Hopkinton, First, by F. O. Thompson, for A. H. M. S.	95 00
Hyde Park, First, A Friend, by J. Ellery Piper.	25 00
I. C. P., special donation.	5 00
M. E. T., by J. Ellery Piper.	30 00
Jessup Fund, Income of.	150 00
Leominster, North, Est. of Leonard Burage, by M. D. Hawes, Exec.	512 42
Lexington, Hancock, by W. W. Baker.	26 52
Lunenburg, Evan., by E. S. Francis.	16 88
Malden, First, by Herbert Porter.	59 80
Medway, Village, by Rev. R. K. Harlow.	50 00
Melrose, Orth., by Mrs. C. E. Cox, for Rev. Geo. Baker, Ferndale, W. T.	50 00
Middleboro, First, by Chas. F. Cornish.	5 96
Millbury, Rev. Geo. A. Putnam.	5 00
Nahant, Est. of Geo. Curtis, by L. C. Waterman, Trustee.	3,000 00
Natick, S. S., Prim. Dept., by Miss E. M. Peloubet.	5 00
New Braintree, by Geo. K. Tufts.	12 00
Newbury, First, by Edward Perkins.	32 46
Newton, Eliot, by D. E. Snow.	175 00
First, by F. H. Scudder.	182 74
Warren, Mrs. A. C., by S. E. Warren, for Rev. H. A. Schaffner's Boh. Work.	5 00
Norfolk, by N. H. Rockwood.	3 00
Northampton, Edwards, by S. D. Drury.	215 07
North Andover, by Jos. S. Sanborn, to const. Mrs. S. E. Cowdrey and Mrs. A. F. Johnson L. M.	85 00
Norton, Trin., by D. B. Winter.	8 65
Otis, Rev. S. W. Powell, redemption of Saratoga pledge for Crete College.	10 00
Special for Bohemian Bible House.	10 00
Peabody, South, by Benj. N. Moore.	110 00
Randolph, First Evan., by Rev. J. C. Labarre.	245 00
Rockland, by W. A. Clark.	75 00
Salem, Tabernacle, by Jos. H. Phillips, to const. seven L. Ms of A. H. M. S.	554 12

Sharon, by Rev. Geo. F. Stanton, to const. Sanford W. Billings & L. M. S. S., by Rev. Geo. Stanton	\$33 65	
Southboro, Pilgrim, by Miss Lucy Newton	10 00	
South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord	36 90	
Spencer, by J. L. Bush	38 50	
Stockbridge, West, Center, by Rev. Aug. Alvord	150 00	
Stoughton, First, by D. C. Rose	2 00	
Mrs. E. B. S.	16 00	
Taunton, Union, by Rev. E. N. Pomeroy	2 00	
Waltham, Trin., by T. W. Temple	15 89	
Ware, First, by W. L. Brackenridge	103 23	
Waverley, Mrs. Jane D. Butler	19 50	
Webster, Mrs. Juliette Keith, by G. F. Keith	20 00	
Wellesley, Rev. D. P. Cowan	50 00	
Wendell, "Widow's Mite," by R. M. Taft	25 00	
Westhampton, by A. D. Montague	50	
A Friend, "In His Name," for Woman's Dept.	36 00	
Whitin Fund, Income of	5 00	
Williamstown, First, by Chas. S. Cowies	120 00	
South, by Rev. L. Whiting, D.D., for J. C. Torrey	21 57	
Winchendon, "T. T. T. Club" of boys in Mrs. C. C. Parker's S. S. Class, special for Rev. W. G. Pufferfoot	16 25	
Woburn, First, Ladies' Char. Reading Soc., by Mrs. Maria R. Bickford, to const. Mrs. A. W. Dimmick & L. M.	8 00	
Worcester, Piedmont, by C. F. Marble	36 00	
Plymouth, by Jonas White (of wh. \$61.75 for Woman's Dept.)	35 00	
Est. of David Whitcomb, by G. Henry Whitcomb, 1st installment of \$35,000 bequest	316 84	
Wrentham, by S. M. Gerould	5,000 00	
	17 50	
Home Missionary	\$15,689 09	
	4 80	
	\$15,693 89	

Donations of clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society in July.

Ware, S. S. Class, by Miss M. A. Barlow, box	\$40 00
Westfield, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Henry Hooker, packages and freight	48 70
	\$88 70

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in July, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Ashford, First, by A. H. Byles	\$8 00
Westford, by Dea. C. W. Brett	11 25
Avon, West Avon, by M. F. Thompson	13 60
Bolton, by Rev. L. H. Barber	15 00
Bridgeport, First, by Enoch P. Hincks	179 85
Olivet, by Chas. A. Hawkins	12 40
Canton, Center, by Wm. G. Hallock, \$10 of which for A. H. M. S. Western Work	26 00
Chatham, East Hampton, by Rev. E. P. Root	41 00
Columbia, by Samuel F. West	24 00
Cornwall, by Silas C. Beers	37 50
Eastford, by J. D. Barrows	19 69
East Granby, by James R. Viets	8 00
East Lyme, Niantic, by Rev. C. W. Hanna	12 41
Essex, by Charles S. Munger	23 71
Farmington, by F. C. Jones	\$191 47
Isaac E. Smith, by Rev. E. A. Smith	300 00

Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles	491 47
Talcott Street, by A. J. Plato	784 81
Wethersfield Ave., by R. S. Burt	5 32
S. S. \$15.40	\$30.88
	46 28

Hartland, West Hartland, by Dea. H. L. Wilcox	
Kent, by John Hopson	
Killingly, Danielsonville, by Chas. Phillips	\$30 63
For A. H. M. S.	23 21
South Killingly, by Rev. W. H. Beard	11
Litchfield, First, Geo. M. Woodruff, personal	
New Canaan, by H. B. Rogers	
New Haven, First, by F. S. Bradley, supplementary	
Howard Ave., by Rev. W. J. Mutch	
New London, First, by C. D. Bosa, Jr.	
Second, Trust Estate of Henry P. Haven, by Henry R. Bond, trustee	
Norwalk, First, by E. C. Bissell	
Norwich, First, by Lewis A. Hyde, \$50 of which is to const. Mrs. J. S. Lathrop, of Norwich Town, Ct., a L. M., and \$25 of which is from Lewis A. Hyde, with \$25 contributed July, 1887, to const. Mrs. A. L. Hale, of Norwich Town, Ct., a L. M.	15
Old Lyme, by Roger Griswold	
Oxford, Rev. H. M. Hazeltine and family	
Plymouth, by Arthur Beardsley	
Terryville, R. D. H. Allen, personal	
Portland, First, by Rev. Henry M. Bowden	
Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn, one-half of which for A. H. M. S.	
Redding, Georgetown, Rev. S. J. M. Merwin, personal	
Rockville, First, by E. C. Chapman, \$13.35 and \$22.25, of which \$50 to const. Miss Jenny G. Loomis, of Rockville, a L. M., and \$900 of which is from Dea. J. N. Stickney to const. Mr. and Mrs. David J. Carson, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Stickney, of Longmont, Col. L. M.	3
Seymour, Rev. T. E. Davies, personal	
Sharon, Ellsworth, by Rev. J. H. Muller	
Southington, by L. B. Neal	
South Windsor, by Miss M. Janette Elmer	
Suffield, West Suffield, Church and Society, by Benj. Sheldon	
Tolland, by E. C. Chapman	
Torrington, Third, A Friend, by Rev. L. Ferrin	
Vernon, Rockville, Second, George Maxwell, personal	
Watertown, by James L. Loveland, \$43.65, and \$5.35, to const. Lucius Woodward, of Watertown, a L. M.	
West Hartford, Anson Chappell, personal	\$10 00
Legacy of Mary A. Butler, for A. H. M. S., by F. G. Butler, Executor	100 00
Westport, Saugatuck, by H. C. Woodworth	1
Wilton, by B. Gilbert	
Winchester, by I. A. Bronson	
Windsor Locks, by J. H. Hayden, \$22.69 and \$10	1
Winsted, David Strong, personal	
Woman's Cong'l Home Missionary Union of Connecticut, by Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, Treas. gift of Mrs. H. A. Perkins	3
	\$3.1

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in June, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Beardstown	3
Big Rock, special	
Bureau, in support of services	
Chebanee, special	
Chicago, Union Park	

Lake View	
Crescent	
Creston	
Crete, Rev. Samuel Porter	
De Pue, in support of services	
Kewanee	
Lawn Ridge, A Friend	
Malta	
Marshall	
Mendon, special	
Norris City, special	
Odell, A Friend, special	
Onarga, Second	
Princeton	
Rantoul	
South Danville, special	
Ullin, in support of services	
Woodburn, A. L. Sturges	
A Friend, special	
For evangelistic work in the country, special	
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mission	
Miss Millie A. Hand, for work in Southern Illinois	

\$10 00
2 50
19 85
1 00
9 75
68 69
10 00
14 08
13 20
25 00
13 52
10 00
3 50
30 00
5 00
2 68
41 00
10 00
112 90
5 00
140 00
5 00
\$744 82

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in July, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Alton, Church of the Redeemer	
Altona, M. H. Mather, special	
Aurora, First	
Beardstown, special	
Bureau, in support of services	
Chicago, South German	
Crete, Ladies' Missionary Soc	
De Pue, in support of services	
Farmington	
Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ, special	
Galva, Sunday-school	
Hinsdale	
Jacksonville	
Kewanee	
Lawn Ridge	
Adam Crawford	
Mt. Forest, special	
New Grand Chain	
New Windsor	
Norris City, special	
Paxton	
Peru	
Plymouth, Sunday-school	
Prospect Park, special	
Sunday-school, special	
Providence	
Rio, special	
Rockford, Second Church, Aid Soc. and Social Union	
Seward (Winnebago County) Sunday-school	
Sublette, for De Pue Mission	
Victoria, Mrs. O. C. Ackers, special	
Wheaton, Prof. R. A. Harris, special	
D. A. Shaw, special	
Mrs. E. Parsons, special	
Cash	
Rev. E. A. Paddock, special	
A Friend, special	
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mission	

Central City, North Church	
Cedar Rapids	
Chester Center, Ladies	
Cherokee, R. H. Scribner	
Clarion	
Cleveland, Eng. Ch., by Pastor at Large	
Welsh, by Pastor at Large	
Correctionville, earnings of Pastor at Large	
Cromwell, Ladies	
Decorah, \$83; Ladies, \$30	
Dubuque, First	
Dunlap, Ladies, \$5; Young People, \$5.85	
Durango	
Eldora, S. S.	
Elleworth	
Fairfax	
Fairfield, W. H. M. U.	
Fort Dodge, S. S.	
Gen'l Ass'n of Iowa for L. Mp. of Dr. E. Adams	
Genoa Bluffs, \$7.24; Ladies, \$2.50	
Gilman	
Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Houston	
Givin	
Grant	
Green Mountain, Ladies	
Grinnell	
J. B. Grinnell, L. Mp. for Rev. Julius A. Reed	
Rev. T. O. Douglass	
Hastings, Ladies	
Keokuk, Swedish Miss. Ch.	
Independence, Ladies	
Larchwood	
Marion, Ladies	
Marshalltown	
Mason City, Ladies	
Milford, earnings of Pastor at Large	
Monticello	
Mt. Pleasant, Ladies	
Newbury	
Newell	
Nora Springs, Mrs. H. B. Shaw	
By Evangelist Skeels	
Oskaloosa, S. S.	
Otho	
Osage, Y. P. S. C. E.	
Owen, First	
Peterson, earnings of Pastor at Large	
Reinbeck	
Rockford, Ladies	
Sergeant's Bluffs, by Pastor at Large	
Sloan, by Pastor at Large	
Sioux City, First	
S. S.	
Pilgrim	
Sheldon, Ladies	
Spencer	
Strawberry Point, \$32.85; S. S., \$11.01	
Stuart	
Talmage	
Warren	
Waucoma	
Waverly	
W. H. M. U., Unappropriated funds	

\$1,155.91

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged	
Connecticut, Bridgeport, \$35; Chaplin, \$2; West Hartford, \$200	
District of Columbia, Washington	
Massachusetts, Boston, \$189.99; Mittineague, \$15	
Michigan, Bridgeport	
Minnesota, Fergus Falls, \$6.40; Minneapolis, \$5; St. Paul, \$8	
New Hampshire, Keene	
New Jersey, Chester	
Rhode Island, Providence	
Vermont, St. Johnsbury	

\$6,491.4

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society in May and June, J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.

Alton, earnings of Pastor at Large	
Ames, \$18.44; Ladies, \$6	
Atlantic, Young Ladies	
Aurelia	
Belknap	
Belle Plaine, Rev. C. H. Bissell	
Belmond	
Bethel, earnings of Pastor at Large	
Cass	

\$634 29

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

- New Hampshire Female Cent Institution, org. 1805, Miss Annie A. McFarland, Concord, Sec.
 Minnesota Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. 1872, Mrs. H. L. Chase, Minneapolis, Sec.
 Maine Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, org. June, 1880, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, Bangor, Sec.
 Michigan Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1881, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing, Sec.
 Kansas, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1881, Mrs. Geo. L. Epps, Topeka, Sec.
 Ohio, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1882, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin, Sec.
 New York, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. William Spalding, 6 Salmon Block, Syracuse, Sec.
 Wisconsin, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Oct., 1883, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead, Sec.
 North Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Nov., 1883, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood, Sec.
 Oregon, { Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. July, 1884, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla, Sec.
 South Dakota, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Sept., 1884, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls, Sec.
 Connecticut, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Jan., 1885, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Hartford, Sec.
 Missouri, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. May, 1885, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Sec.
 Illinois, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1885, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, Chicago, Sec.
 Iowa, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1885, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Grinnell, Sec.
 California, Woman's Home Missionary Society, org. Oct., 1887, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, 510 Valencia St., San Francisco, Sec.
 Nebraska, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Nov., 1887, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont, Sec.
 Florida, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. Feb. 1888, Mrs. N. Barrows, Winter Park, Sec.
 Indiana, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1888, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne, Sec.
 Southern California, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. May, 1888, Mrs. H. E. W. Bent, Pasadena, Sec.
 Vermont, Woman's Home Missionary Union, org. June, 1888, Mrs. E. C. Osgood, 14 First Avenue, Montpelier, Sec.

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
 Arizona.
 Arkansas.
 Carolina.
 Colorado.
 Delaware.
 District of Columbia.
 Georgia.
 Idaho.

Indian Territory.
 Kentucky.
 Louisiana.
 Maryland.
 Massachusetts.
 Mississippi.
 Montana.
 Nevada.
 New Jersey.

New Mexico.
 Pennsylvania.
 Rhode Island.
 Tennessee.
 Texas.
 Utah.
 Virginia.
 Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of freight (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for freight, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the size of each adult, and the age and sex of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

GO.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....*Mark xvi. 15.*
How shall they preach except they be SENT?...*Rom. x. 15.*

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THE NEW SECRETARY.

THE readers of *The Home Missionary* by turning to the last page of the cover will learn that the Society has a new Secretary. The familiar name of Dr. Barrows disappears, and that of Rev. William Kincaid, D. D., takes its place. Such changes are of vast interest to the cause of Home Missions. In the universal regret attending the withdrawal of Dr. Barrows it is no small satisfaction that the vacancy thus created is so speedily and so worthily filled.

Dr. Kincaid is a graduate of Oberlin, was first settled at Leavenworth, Kansas, afterwards at Oberlin, Ohio, and Oswego, New York. From the last named pastorate he was called to the service of the American Board as District Secretary for the Middle States, with office at New York City. In this position for the past three years he has commended himself most warmly to the esteem and confidence of the churches. The Board had still higher position to offer, and part with him reluctantly. Most gladly the Home Missionary Society welcomes him to its own division of the one great army and regards it as a bright augury of his success that the call commends itself so warmly to his favor and that most cordial responses from all parts of the field have greeted his decision. Dr. Kincaid will enter upon active service October 1, and will go westward from the annual meeting of the Board at Cleveland to attend the State Associations of Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska, in the character of Home Missionary Secretary. We affectionately commend him to our churches and their pastors, throughout the land.

TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.

THE problem of securing a supply of ministers and missionaries sufficient for existing churches and for the new work constantly opening as *Christ's kingdom* advances at home and abroad, is a very serious one.

The laborers are few in comparison with the work that is to be done. We need a fifth more ministers than we have, to man, properly, existing churches. For the new churches constantly being organized and for the foreign missionary work still more men are needed.

During the last fifteen years the aggregate number of students in our Congregational seminaries has increased only sixty-six, and only two of this number are college graduates. The colleges are not furnishing proportionately as many men for the ministry as formerly. The lack of ministers is felt most seriously in the smaller churches, where the attractions are fewer and the self-denials greater. At the West especially, men are drawn from every available source to meet the needs of the increasing churches. Not a few of them have had a limited education.

The difficulty of securing a sufficient number of ministers to supply the rapidly-increasing number of churches in Michigan has led them to consider the question of establishing a training-school in which to gather pious men, who are inclined and seem to be qualified by grace to do Christian work, and give them a better furnishing than they would otherwise have to do the work of the ministry. A committee to whom this matter was referred reported to the General Association of that State at its late meeting, advising and justifying, in the interest of the home missionary work there and through the West, the establishment of such a training-school or seminary in that State. The committee says:

“Such a training-school is raised in the interest of a higher education, not to lower the tone. To our mind the question has been from the outset, Where can this best be done for us? In our opinion, the time is coming when this question must be asked by each home missionary State, if we are to cope with the great work before us as a nation. If we can get the most good men, educated in the best way, for our home missionary work at great centers like Oberlin and Chicago, in connection with men of a different culture, and by doubling the work of the professors, then that is the best for us. If they can stand it, let us send our men there. But if we can get more men—better men for our home missionary fields, educate them more simply but more efficiently in our own State, with the undivided strength and time of a professor or professors (as the case may be) who can give their whole energy to the problem of raising up a specially trained Congregational home missionary force, then that is best, even if it costs more. Now your committee report in favor of the latter course :

“(1) Because the single and simple aim of such an institution would be to educate men for the missionary work.

“(2) We favor this training-school because we think the education of a special class of students can best be done in a separate school. We so think because, while there are many manifest advantages offered by such

a seminary as Oberlin or Chicago, the class of men we are seeking to aid are as often confused as helped by the very advantages offered.

"(3) But we favor a Michigan training-school because, even if the system of classical and English courses combined might be considered best, yet we have in this country very few theological seminaries for our constituency of churches.

"(4) Again, we recommend that such a school be founded, because we believe it to be feasible. It is not necessary to begin on a large scale. No seminary ever has. Your committee has considered the financial aspects of the matter, and believe that they can be met without interfering with our effort to become self-supporting in our State home missionary work.

"For reasons given, we favor the attempt. Olivet College has expressed her willingness to open her doors to us if we go there for our school. Lansing is ready to offer a suitable building, costing \$25,000, but purchasable for \$10,000. Part of this sum is already subscribed by citizens of Lansing, if we select that city for our location. Our inquiries reveal the fact that more than forty men in Michigan are ready to study. Their average age is about twenty-four. Half of them are able to support themselves. Cutting this number down to the most desirable candidates, we could begin with from ten to twenty men out of these forty who apply. This would be better than more, as we should be obliged to start with only one or two teachers. If our school must have its day of small things, let us begin now, so as to meet the future with days of larger things.

"If this great nation of ours needs more men, better men, more institutions for ministerial training and greater adaptability in our education to our many-sided problems, then, if some State should lead the way, why not Michigan, the foremost Congregational State of the great West?"

We most heartily sympathize with these Michigan brethren in the desire to meet the present want of the churches for more ministers. As the number of college graduates offering themselves is so inadequate it may be well to open a training-school like this one to better qualify some men from business life who are inclined to enter the ministry. If the institution is established we shall expect that its standard will be gradually raised, till it will in the end come to be much like our other seminaries.—*Vermont Chronicle*.

MEMBERS of Young Ladies' Circles who are interested to raise money for the SWEDISH FUND this year, will find use for Superintendent Montgomery's new Sunday-school concert exercise, "An Evening in Sweden."

NOVEL SURPRISE PARTY.

THE evening for the prayer-meeting had come, and as the weather was lowering the pastor concluded that the attendance would be small, But to his surprise there was twice the usual number present. The front seats were all occupied, filling up the "great gulf" which usually separated pastor and people. There was also an unusual readiness in the brethren to take part in the meeting. A happiness beamed from each countenance, which the pastor interpreted as meaning that it was "good to be there." He was unable to account for the sudden and unusual interest until one of the brethren, several days afterward, handed him a postal card, saying, "I wish you to read this card to learn what kind of a man you have in your church." The card was follows:

"Dear Brethren,—Let us all turn out to the prayer meeting to-night; take front seats and allow no pauses. Speak to all you meet, and let us give the minister such a surprise party as he will not forget for one while. AARON HUR."

Twenty-five cards like this were mailed, and the pastor has never forgotten that surprise party. The people enjoyed it as much as he did, and seemed quite as much surprised that they could have such an interesting meeting.

We wish there were more of "that kind of men," like "Aaron Hur" in our churches, to stir them up.

A CURIOUS BLUNDER.—In *The Home Missionary* for September, the illustration "A few of Mrs. Pickett's Cowboys" should have been entitled "A Mining Camp in Colorado." As this group of men are strangers to Mrs. Pickett, and bear not the slightest resemblance to her "boys" we hasten to correct an unfortunate mistake, hoping in a future number to present our readers with an *authorized vision* of "Mrs. Pickett's Cowboys in Costume."

REV. CHARLES A. MACK, Sanborn, Barnes Co., Dakota, is trying to raise \$7,000 for a "Ladies' Hall" for Fargo College, which is to be a memorial to his wife, Helen Strickland Mack, and to be called "Strickland Cottage." This college, which is the cherished educational institution of the Congregational churches of North Dakota, greatly needs the building; and the many warm friends of Mrs. Mack—who died on missionary ground—will be glad to help erect a tribute to her memory. Religion and Education must go hand in hand if we are to win the vast Territory of Dakota for Christ.

REV. GEO. MARSH, formerly of Elk Falls, Kansas, has moved to Kahoka, Clark Co., Mo. Will friends who supply him with reading matter please note the change?

PROBLEMS.

By REV. W. S. HAWKES, SUPERINTENDENT, UTAH, IDAHO, AND W. MONTANA.

I BELIEVE in patriotism, and teach that before love to one's self, or one's family, and next to love for God, should come love for country. Twenty-four years ago, in my boyhood, I served my country four months as a private soldier in the ranks. And I believe that the Christian patriot has now as truly a mission as in the years from 1861 to 1865. Before 1885 I thought I was thoroughly penetrated with a proper spirit for the evangelization of our great country, with a desire that as it had been, so it might continue to be, for God and truth. I had taught the need of, and prayed, and given for the evangelization of the South and West, the white, black, red, and yellow races of those sections, not forgetting the Canadian French and Indians, who now, as well as in Colonial days, are making incursions into New England; then, with arts of war, now with arts of peace; but always for spoil, both then and now.

But I must confess that not until 1883 was I aroused to a just appreciation of the magnitude of the task which God has set before the present generation of American Christians. In the spring of 1884 a Nebraska Home Missionary came to my Massachusetts church, and in an enthusiastic address on the greatness of the trans-Mississippi West, declared that the one State of Texas was large enough to hold the whole world's population without crowding. That staggered one of my good deacons, whose ideas of dimensions were formed by New England, out of which he had never been; and he would have no more of that missionary. This episode set me to studying, and on Fast Day, soon after, I placed before him such an array of facts that he, as well as his pastor, was better informed from that day forward. When first looked at, it is an amazing fact that if we reckon the world's population at the outside estimate of fourteen hundred million people, they could all be put into the area of Texas, and if divided into families of eight—father, mother, and six children—each of those families could have an acre of land apiece. But so the figures will show each time a computation is made from official data. I also found that the two States of Kansas and Nebraska, with the Territory of Dakota, would take another earth's population and give each man, woman, and child a seventh of an acre apiece. Besides, we have all the rest of the eastern slope of the Rockies, and this wonderful inter-mountain region, both here and north of us. . . .

Although the Eastern States have well-established institutions of education and religion, and at present detain only a small part of the immigration, yet they find themselves in a steady struggle to maintain the purity and fruitfulness of those institutions; they have no more than held their own in the last twenty-five years; and some of the State and local governments have been well rocked. . . . If the East is catch-

ing only a part of the inflow and yet is so much disturbed, we may well ask ourselves what will be the condition of our great West, politically, socially, morally, and religiously, where the vast majority of the immigrants are coming, unless we have the most approved agencies at work to mold and guide them. In this Territory of Utah, we have a problem all our own. We see a social, moral, and religious condition, yes, and political, too, dissimilar to anything else in our country. This semi-barbarous state of things is due to the absence of pure religion and good schools, or Christian education. If the first generation of Mormons born in this Territory had been educated as the first generation born in New England was educated, it would long ago have discovered the ridiculous deceptions and blunders of the Book of Mormon, as well as have been disgusted with its practices, and horrified with its unclean iniquities. But they were left in ignorance, and now we all suffer from it; that Mormon generation most of all. . . . Meantime the population here has gone on increasing naturally, perhaps more properly speaking *unnaturally*, and also by immigration, and the dire need growing greater all the while. What this state of society would have produced if left to itself, is an appalling thought. I believe less than fifty years would have produced anarchy and bloodshed. What it would have brought to our country at large is a still more appalling thought; and what we shall suffer from it unless we more earnestly bestir ourselves is a matter for most serious consideration. . . .

A friend tells us that just fifty-five years ago he drove into Chicago one evening, and, unable to find food enough for his jaded horses, was obliged to seek shelter for man and beast some ten miles beyond. His bed was of dried leaves in a hollow in the earthen floor. The ignorance was dense, as a well-worn story of that time signifies. It goes on this wise:—A man came into one of these settlements and inquired of a woman, “Are there any Episcopopians about here?” “*Episcopopians*,” replied the woman, “Episcopopians? I guess not. My husband hain’t shot any!” But then, soon after, came the tide of immigration from the East in which there were wise and consecrated men, who kept abreast of its front wave, and who were there “for God and Native Land,” to organize churches, and to found Christian schools and colleges. And while they were doing that which it is now so easy to see was a most nobly Christian patriotic work, there were, so-called, Christian men in the East, aye, in my own New England, sad as it is to confess, who ridiculed such efforts. One of these divines said of a movement to found one of those Western Christian colleges,—“Oh, yes! they are going to Illinois to found a college. They are going to kindle a fire there and pour on oil, till its blaze shall illumine the tops of the Rocky Mountains!” It was a prophecy, although not so intended. To-day *these colleges* are supplying more ministers for our Home, and even our *Foreign Missions* than our old, and now rich, New England colleges

And the blaze from the oil on the fire has already illumined the tops of the Rockies; and graduates from colleges which are almost children of those which the New England man stigmatized, are helping to illumine our inter-mountain darkness; a work, in importance, second to none attempted during this century.

Illinois College at Jacksonville was organized by two men and three women "in a log school-house with a puncheon floor, a chimney built of mud and sticks, and with no other furniture than a few rude seats made of split logs, with holes bored in the end and sticks driven in for legs." But it was for God and his Church, and God was with it. . . .

Now, west of the Mississippi, we have a country every way greater than that east of it, which has been molded during the past fifty years. And this greater country is filling up faster than the other did, and not with sons and daughters of New England, or her grandsons and grand-daughters either; but very largely with foreign emigrants from Northern and Central Europe who are moved by desire for gain; these million souls who are yearly pushing this way across the Mississippi, spreading over these mountains and into these gulches and canons, are coming in under worldly impulse alone, seeking homes, and burning with a desire to accumulate riches. The word has gone out through the Old World as a fact that on our western lands a common man with health and industry can get a competency, if not riches, in ten years. Many have done it. So the living tide rolls in. They have no ark of the covenant with them and are led by no pillar of cloud by day, or fire by night; not even by a Moses, a Joshua, or a Caleb. It is indeed true, that some who entered our wonderful valley were inspired by a Joseph, and led by a Brigham; but oh! such a Joseph! such a Brigham! Has Joseph Cook rightly named the latter "America's indigenous devil?" . . .

If these fair portions of our land are left to themselves,—if the people are simply left alone to plow and dig for riches, without Sunday-schools, churches, Christian academies and colleges, it will require only the time of one generation to produce a dreary moral waste; there will be no intelligent and uprightly conscientious leaders of public sentiment to tone up and guide the people. Money-bags, pistols, mobs, and lust will rule. In *The Salt Lake Tribune*, we read: "Who can doubt that a vastly different state of society would now exist here if Christian preachers and teachers had been as abundant here for the last forty years as they have been on the Western Reserve of Ohio? Who can doubt but that temporal prosperity would be much greater? Who can doubt but that Utah would have been a powerful and influential State of the Union for the last dozen years?"

We should neither disguise nor fear the magnitude of the task before us. The children of those west of the Mississippi are to hold the balance of political power by the year 1900; the center of population is already west of Indianapolis, and long before 1900 will be at, or west of

the Mississippi; but a very large proportion of unhopeful elements are here where we have the fewest Christian churches, colleges, and schools. And it is useless to think of educating the youths of these people and of this section with the schools and colleges of the East or Interior as to think of serving the people of Utah with the churches of New England or Illinois. . . .

And so I rejoice in our Hammond Hall of Salt Lake Academy, which I hope to yet see a grand and useful Christian college, with Provo, Ogden, Park City, and perhaps other academies as natural feeders. The Christian Church has pointed out the need of them here. The Christian Church was the first to demand them, the first to plant them, and the constant nursing father and mother of them. Hammond Hall has already done enough to be a prophecy of what these others will do. And then these New West free schools established with so bountiful a hand, and so wonderfully irrigating the moral deserts about them! Could anything but the Gospel have suggested, produced, or supported them? What infidel or skeptic can satisfactorily account for them on any other hypothesis than that of the Christian Gospel? Free school houses like those of Lynne, and the 10th Ward of Salt Lake City, academy buildings like those of Hammond Hall, Provo, and Ogden, are monuments of Christ's love more valuable and enduring than the pyramids of Egypt. . . .

Here in Utah we have a broad and mighty current of humanity full of motion, but a turbid stream. By its side is the fountain of life, the Gospel of Christ. And out of it steadily welling up are these pure currents of evangelical churches and Christian schools; and the streams of influence which they send out into the turbid current of society here is now of such a volume and always has been of such distinct purity that every honest spectator on the bank of the current of Time can readily see it. I thank God for such pure Springs of Life here in this moral desert. These, and many more like them, are not only to irrigate it but to save it and to help make Utah a great and good State. . . .

In 1884 I said at the General Association of Massachusetts the following: "For one I can say I have little money I can give. But I have seven sons and daughters, all consecrated to God, on the days of their birth, and I would rather have them become foreign or home missionaries than anything else in the world. And the Spirit has so stirred my own heart in this matter, that for the sake of serving Jesus in this home missionary problem I would be willing to live another human life before the fruition of heaven; and even now if I should hear the Lord calling me toward that arduous but blessed work, I should feel like saying—'Speak; for thy servant heareth.'" Just a year ago the Lord made such a call; and here I am, and I thank God for it.—*Salt Lake Tribune*.

UTAH.

EVERY mission field has its own peculiarities. Utah is more a foreign than a home field. One feels as if he were in a foreign nation as soon as he reaches this Territory, and that feeling grows as he becomes acquainted with the social, religious, and business habits of the people, and with the government, where that is still in the hands of the people.

The Mormons regard all non-Mormons as foreigners who have no right to come here, and to whom would be given no rights if the Mormons could do as they would like. How slowly this prejudice gives way to the new conditions which outside immigration brings, may be seen in many ways. The Mormons claim to take care of all their poor. It is miserable care which some of them get, but one not a Mormon has no help from the Mormon church, and the town and county authorities refuse aid to the poor. The government is so absolutely simply a church doing temporal business that nothing is done which it would be inconsistent for the church to do. And they regard every stranger as belonging to some church, and demand that every church take care of its own poor. A woman was found on the street having fallen in a fit. The city authorities refused help, until they were driven to do something by the crowd which gathered. The real question was, "What church does she belong to?" and because she belonged to no church she had no friends, in the eyes of police, marshals, and Mormon officials.

Churches are regarded here as the same sort of an innovation that rival political governments might be considered. They are not considered as merely new parties or disturbing elements, but as governments. And it is not difficult to understand how, with such sentiments, those who break away from the Mormon church think of liberty as freedom from all restraint. Some get the idea of loyalty to the United States government, and they boast of their loyalty to the nation, instead of to "any religion." They really regard religion as incompatible with loyalty to the government. "I don't belong to no religion," is the boast of many, with a peculiar emphasis on religion.

This feeling on the part of the Mormons makes this field a peculiar one for missionary work. One advantage is that the apparent strength of the organization which supports a work impresses the people as much as the direct work of the missionary can. They are beginning to see that there is power and aggressive energy outside of the Mormon church. They estimate their own success by the rapid progress of mission work here, and they sometimes feel that they are behind in the race.

But the worst feature is that the system has not developed any spiritual power. Many of the people seem to have no place in their natures for a thought of spiritual life to take hold. Religion is but a mere matter of business, and they do not see in the real Christian work that is being done *anything more than this*. They are apt to demand of mission enterprises

what they might demand of business corporations or of the government—as if somewhere there is a full treasury from which somebody will draw, and if they patronize the institution they ought to share in the profits.

This is one side of the work. When sowing beside all waters let not the Church of Christ forget Utah, and the great need to send the Gospel here.—*Rev. A. J. Bailey, Ogden, Utah.*

“AN EVENING IN SWEDEN.”

THE above is the title to a Sunday-school concert exercise by Superintendent M. W. Montgomery. The following programme, full of fresh themes for Sunday-schools, has so much of variety and interest that it cannot fail, if properly set forth, to make a very entertaining concert.

- “A map talk about Scandinavia”.....3 minutes.
- “The Flags of Scandinavia;” by the boys.....1 minute.
- “The Northmen.”.....4 minutes.
- “Customs in Sweden and Norway;” by a class of boys.....5 minutes.
- “The Free Church Revival in Sweden”.....5 minutes.
- “The Lord’s Supper Societies in Sweden”.....3 minutes.
- “Swedish Politeness;” by a class of girls.....3 minutes.
- “Swedish Manners;” by a class of girls.....3 minutes.
- “A Swedish Family at the Breakfast Table”.....3 minutes.
- “Persecutions in Sweden”.....3 minutes.
- “Scandinavians Beguiled into Mormonism”.....3 minutes.
- “Swedish Lady Costumes;” conducted by the ladies.....4 minutes.
- “Scandinavians in the United States;” by a class of young men, or young ladies.....3 minutes.
- “Missions among the Scandinavians;” by a class of young men, or young ladies.....4 minutes.

Now ready for distribution. Address orders or inquiries to The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, New York.

A MUCH-NEEDED SUPPLEMENT.

SOME TIME ago an appeal for funds to aid in establishing a reading-room in Carrington, Dakota, was made through *The Home Missionary*. For the benefit of those who contributed so generously to this good cause I send a brief recapitulation of the work of the past year (1887). When the reading-room was opened a place was chosen, conspicuous for its nearness to the worst saloon in town—if, indeed, there are any degrees in such a nefarious business. A single partition separated the two places, and often the loud talk and coarse jest stirred the righteous indignation of those who had come in for a quiet time of reading. Sometimes we feared a mistake had been made in coming so near a country where Satan ruled, but time has not only corrected our forebodings, but has

proved the wisdom of the step we took in the beginning, for, witness the result. Not a trace of said saloon-keeper can be found this year, and his former quarters are now in use by the reading-room, having been rented for that purpose. Praise God for the victory! Is it illogical to conclude that this emissary of the evil one felt himself too uncomfortably near good influences, and thought his only safe (?) way was to betake himself from them?

The reading-room has accomplished the chief thing we hoped for it, when we organized it,—a counter-attraction to the siren-like influence of the saloons. No eastern reader can conceive how attractive these places are made. Given, however, a warm, cheerful room, with plenty of good books, games, pictures, etc., and the average boy will invariably find himself drawn thither. Such has been *our* experience, at least.

But the patronage has by no means been confined to the boys. Night after night finds a certain old man here, who by some unknown affinity, is uncle to everybody. He is kind-hearted, but rarely attends church, and makes no profession of Christianity. Let us hope that the seed may there be sown which shall prove the germ of a new life.

A mother of three boys came to me one day with fifty cents, saying at the time that she could not give much, but she wished to help on the work and show her appreciation of what she felt was being done for the young people. Interesting testimony might be multiplied if space permitted. It will be sufficient to say, however, that the work has been steadily growing into the hearts of the people, and friends are being raised up for it. New books and papers of the best kind have found their way thither, and, we trust, are fulfilling their mission of love.

To those friends who made this good work possible, let me say that God's approval has evidently rested upon it, since he has blessed it so abundantly. The eagerness with which many read and re-read every scrap they can get is most touching. Next to the church, as a factor in evangelizing these new western towns, comes the good reading-room. It supplements the work of the church, and in fact, often reaches a class over whom the church seems to have no power.—*Mrs. C. G. Tobey.*

"Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of Modern Missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest."

FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

REV. CALVIN E. AMARON, PRINCIPAL OF THE FRENCH PROTESTANT COLLEGE,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

THE work of evangelization among the French in New England is of comparatively recent date. The churches have not yet fully understood its *paramount* importance and its bearing upon the destinies of New

England and of the whole country. As its claims, however, are made known, much interest is manifested.

Those who have had their attention called to the subject and have given it some thought and study have become convinced that a state of things has come to pass in Massachusetts and New England which calls for earnest thought, careful and yet courageous, energetic, and firm action on the part of American Christian patriots who look somewhat into the future. By reason of a state of things now existing in the Province of Quebec, and which we French Protestants deeply deplore, some 300,000 of our countrymen have been driven from Canada into New England. These multitudes, still controlled by their clergy, are made to believe that the customs, manners, traditions, methods of education, and religious beliefs which for three centuries have prevailed in Quebec and made the province what it is, are very good and all sufficient, and they are putting forth herculean efforts to graft them on your Puritan soil, with the determined purpose of perpetuating them here through the French tongue, and in time convert New England into a new France. While Americans who have not given the question a moment's serious thought laugh at such pretensions, the French Catholics are working with might and main and have the following forces in their favor:

1. A steady and ever-increasing immigration from Canada.
2. A fabulous increase every year by birth, the Canadian race being the most prolific of the world.
3. A constant diminution in the number of American homes in New England and a paucity of children in these homes.
4. The emigration of a large number of American youth to the West and other parts.
5. And finally, a nation unaware of the presence of these disintegrating forces or indifferent to them, and thus satisfied to leave the problem alone in the indefinite hope that it will solve itself.

Now we French Protestants, while claiming no special illumination, humbly say that our circumstances have compelled us to study the question carefully, and both for the sake of our countrymen and of this nation deem it a duty to assert and reassert our earnest and unselfish convictions. We reject the epithet, "bigoted and narrow-minded" men, when we beg leave to dissent from the views held and everywhere advocated by our countrymen of the Romish faith, and on this free, Protestant soil do not think it necessary to apologize for giving expression to our convictions. We ask no one to accept them but simply examine them.

We believe in judging systems of education and religion by the fruits they bear. The fruits in the case of the French Canadian race, as a whole, are not satisfactory; indeed, are such that it becomes the duty of every patriotic Canadian, unbiased by national and religious prejudices,

to seek to bring about a different and better state of things for his countrymen here. Moreover, it would not be for the good of New England nor of the country at large that the plans of the French clergy should succeed. We cannot have on American soil a dozen different nations, with their modes of government, their peculiar institutions, their tongue, and especially if allegiance to the President comes second to allegiance to a monarch across the sea. We believe in one great American people loyal to American institutions, pledged to sustain the public school system; and the reason why the French Catholic clergy disagree with us and call us traitors to our nationality is, that the genius of their politico-religious system and that of American institutions are mutually destructive. We claim the right by legitimate means, to cause if we can our views to prevail, and already 35,000 of our countrymen in America have accepted them, rejoice in them and thank God.

It seems to us, that the American people, first on Missionary grounds and then from patriotic motives, should hasten to place at the disposal of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, funds to be used for this special work as may be thought best, so that it may not suffer as in the past.

It is encouraging to state that during the last five years much progress has been made. Five French churches have been organized in Lowell, Springfield, Holyoke, Fall River, and Ware, and mission work is being done in Spencer, where a church will soon be organized, in New Bedford, and in Marlboro. Several other fields are ripe for the harvest, but there are no qualified workers, possessing a knowledge of both French and English, to occupy them.

We have long been of opinion that missionary work among a people that has been under the blighting influences of Romanism for generations, must be conducted on pretty much the same lines as in heathen lands. Side by side with the mission church there must stand the Christian educational institution where the Bible shall be systematically taught.

In the present condition of our French Protestant churches we cannot depend very much on the influences of the home for enlightening Christian sentiment and education. Parents cannot teach what they themselves have not been taught.

We say to those who have means, who love souls, who love the heritage of the Puritans, give us a large Christian school, capable of offering for eight months of the year a Christian home to some three hundred French Canadian youths; a school which we will develop into a Franco-American college, where both languages will be taught, where young French Canadians will be taught the principles of Christ's religion and those on which this nation is built, and where those who have gifts and piety will be prepared to carry the Gospel of salvation in French and English to their countrymen, not in the New England States only but in the great West where thousands of French are scattered. The time is coming

when these bi-lingual preachers will be of inestimable value to our home missionary work all over the country and become a source of economy to our societies. It seems to me that this method of doing missionary work must commend itself to the judgment of our enlightened business men.

We now have the experience of three years in this Christian educational work. The large number of applications which have come to us from Canadian youths proves conclusively that there is a demand for such an institution as the French Protestant College. Has not the time come for churches and individuals to aid us? We stand alone. The Massachusetts Society cannot take of its funds to help us. The College and Education Society cannot make us a grant until we are far enough advanced to have a class of Freshmen. Our students cannot pay very much, being for the most part self-dependent, being rejected by their families for the very reason that they are seeking a Protestant Christian education.

If asked what our position is to-day, we answer:

1st. We have \$1,000 as the beginning of a permanent endowment fund.

2d. A very fine and desirable building site has been donated to us in the City of Springfield, Mass. On this site stands a building which will answer our purposes again this year.

3d. Pledges to the amount of \$11,000 have been given toward a college building which is to cost \$15,000. \$6,000 of that amount is paid. The plans are ready and it is hoped that the building operations will be begun this fall. The trustees are very anxious to secure at once the \$4,000 balance needed.

4th. The fund out of which the salary of teachers and general expenses are drawn is empty. In humble dependence upon God we begin the work of the year trusting in him for the \$4,000 we will require to put us through the year.

We ask churches to place the French Protestant College on their list of benevolent objects. We ask Sunday-schools to give us \$75 scholarships to aid worthy young men, and especially we ask benevolent men and women to endow the institution that it may do, without delay, the great work assigned to it by God.

Contributions may be sent to Rev. E. B. Palmer, treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, 9 Cong'l House, Boston, Mass.

A VOICE FROM THE WILDERNESS.

TAMPA, COLORADO, July 15th, 1888.

"HOPE deferred maketh the heart sick." I need not try to express *the disappointment* I feel in the matter of a Home Missionary for this

County. May went by, also June; 'tis now midsummer, and the drought of the past two months is a feeble comparison to the soul famine of the people. My work,—school and ranch—takes all my strength, or I would have written to you sooner.

Dear brother, I am about discouraged. We are here enduring all the hardships of a pioneer life. We are building up a new country. To keep our day schools going is in some places up-hill work. Sunday-schools have been started in six different localities, but I think that every one has been suspended. The few earnest Christian workers seem disheartened. We need the preaching of the Word. There is a demand for it; people having shown interest enough to listen to the merest drivel for a while in the name of preaching.

Now it is all stopped, and unless it be an occasional sermon at Steamboat Springs, 45 miles from here, by a sojourning preacher, there is no proclaiming of the Word in all this territory 7500 miles in extent.

Please let me hear from you. Could no one be found to come to us? How much I wish one could come, if only for this fall!

I feel like leaving this wilderness altogether, and the lack of Sunday privileges is the chief cause of my discontent. We seem to be—the Christians among us—like a company of soldiers without an officer. We need a leader. If you can do anything for us send some one to help us. Children are growing up, grown people are getting old, one after another leaves to stand at the Judgment-seat; and all the time the arch-enemy of souls gets in his work. But I must close.

My letter may appear disconnected. I care not for that, if only it may be the means of bringing a messenger of the Cross to a land that the Lord seems to have forsaken. Truly yours, JOHN T. WHITE.

REV. FRANCIS LAWSON, Durant, Iowa, tells us that the German children of his parish, for thoroughness of drill, and energy, take the lead of all others. Their Easter Concert “caused visitors from abroad to open their eyes. Such readiness, fullness, and accuracy of Bible knowledge is not often surpassed.”

OUR MAGAZINE.

It is not our custom to take the valuable space of this periodical to report the words of encouragement which come to us from those who love the cause which we represent, yet in the hope that some other State Superintendent and Editor may be reminded to go and do likewise, we print the following from *The Kansas Telephone*. In passing we may be permitted to say that this same “*Telephone*” through its electric center, the editorial den, maintains an uninterrupted connection with every Congregational church in the State, and by a word of encouragement, or

inspiration, or sharp rebuke, as the case may require, keeps the missionary wheels in pretty lively motion. We read, in this always welcome paper, the following:

“If anybody thinks the place of a Superintendent of Home Missions an easy one, let him read our item concerning the number of places visited by Superintendent Broad during the past month, and estimate how many nights of travel that indicates.”

And yet this same Superintendent although, like all members of the fraternity which he represents,—perpetually on the wing,—has managed to find time to prepare and publish in *The Telephone* the following urgent appeal to the Kansas churches. May it be a word used by God to arouse the people to action at this critical crisis in the affairs of our country!


THE HOME MISSIONARY MAGAZINE.

This time-honored and most valuable publication is not taken by our church members as generally as it should be. Indeed, it is to be feared that but few in Kansas have it, and get the great blessing which comes from its careful perusal. What is most needed to-day, in order to awaken the liveliest interest in Home Missions, is a thorough knowledge of the work of the American Home Missionary Society, its needs and its magnificent opportunities; and just this knowledge *The Home Missionary* supplies. This magazine is a rich treasure of missionary information, put in a readable and enjoyable form.

The numbers now passing are of peculiar interest, containing, as they do, the annual reports of the superintendents, reports and addresses of the Saratoga meeting—including a full report of the Woman's Department—beside information from the fields.

May I not, then, urge every family in our congregations interested in Home Missions, to try and save sixty cents a year, and send it to New York for *The Home Missionary*? In no single way, brethren, I believe, can you help the home missionary cause so well for the same moderate outlay; for this will bring a collection of rich, fresh facts about Home Missions, every month, right to your mind, heart, and home, and awaken profound interest in the cause.

And, brethren of the ministry, have we done all that we might to press the great value of this magazine upon our people? Have you advocated it from the pulpit? Should you not, will you not? Can anything be more appropriate, or any single act of yours do better service for the Home Missionary cause than this? On a Sabbath, soon after reading this article, will you not take a copy of the magazine into the pulpit and explain its contents, and try to induce your people to subscribe for it? Or better, after your address on the subject, appoint a young friend as canvasser through your fields to take subscriptions. Tell the people how eagerly the pamphlet is read by the donors to the society



in the East, whose beneficiaries we are. Mention, too, that it has been enlarged and improved of late, having forty-four pages of reading matter, all obtained for sixty cents a year, postage prepaid, the address and money to be sent to Rev. Alex. H. Clapp, D.D., Treasurer A. H. M. S., Bible House, 'Astor Place, New York. And having done all this, kindly notify the Superintendent of Home Missions of your action and its success. He is willing to warrant that Kansas will raise her apportionment for Home Missions far easier this year if *The Home Missionary* is widely circulated and read.

TO ALL GOOD CITIZENS.

At a special meeting of delegates from the churches of Hampden Conference, held in the First Church last Monday, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the purpose of securing a more earnest and substantial co-operation on the part of the churches in home missionary work. All who give even the slightest study to this subject see the need of an advance. Only a glance at the situation is necessary to convince every intelligent Christian and every thoughtful citizen that the present is a critical time. Every day thousands are crowding to our shores from all parts of the world, except China. Every year in the South the blacks increase faster than they can be educated and Christianized. Only a fraction of this increase is touched by education and a pure Christianity. To meet and overcome the adverse influences threatening our institutions from this growing ignorance, this flood of unassimilated foreign population, is the urgent need of this day.

This need should appeal to, should press strongly, not alone upon every Christian, but as well upon every citizen and lover of his country, although he have no interest in personal religion. The appeal should be to the love of country as well as to the love of Christ. Also, the extra effort which it was in the mind of those who called this conference to promote, should not be a spurt. It should not end with an effort to raise something extra just for this year or next. What is demanded is an advance extending over a term of years, say anywhere from ten to twenty-five. This advance should not alone reach those who are already giving liberally. There should be new givers coming into line in all our churches. Not Christians alone should give. Every prosperous man should give. Every man who is saving money for his family should give. He should realize that it is a part of his duty to his family, as well as to his God, to stem the tide of ignorance and heathenism menacing our institutions.

The appeal is to the prosperous business men of this region and of the country to give a little study to the situation, to consider the needs of educational and missionary work in the Christian church. Read Dr.

Strong's "Our Country." Then, at points where you are so minded, discount it fifty per cent. Still there is enough to show you the pressing urgency. Decide that you will give in an effective way. Go to your pastor or the church committee, no matter of what denomination,—if you haven't any church, select the one of your preference,—and say, "Count on me to help in the work of promoting the educational and evangelizing interests of the Christian churches. I will begin with \$10 or \$20, and increase it \$10 or \$20 a year till the sum reaches \$50 or \$100, and keep it up for ten or twenty years." Such a move as this, bringing in numbers of new givers, would amount to something, would do immense, incalculable good, would go a long way toward redeeming us from all the threatening dangers. The appeal is to patriotism, to every feeling that moves one to love home, family, and country, and to toil and labor for these interests.—*Rev. M. S. Dudley, in the Springfield Republican.*

A LETTER.

BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST:—May I address a few words to you through *The Home Missionary*? "In twelve of our States and Territories there are to-day more than 1000 communities of from 100 to 700 people each, entirely destitute of religious services by any denomination."—"To supply the 1000 communities, . . . would require during the coming year, not less than \$500 for each community, or \$500,000 in addition to what we are now doing for Home Missions."

Why not, then, make our battle-cry for the coming year: "ONE MILLION FOR HOME MISSIONS!" Jesus said, and says to us to-day, "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into the harvest." The Lord sends the laborers forth through his church. The Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." God calls the men, but we must furnish the means to send them. Money is left to the church, through legacies. Money is collected for missionary work by a process of pumping, through sociables, festivals, fairs, sewing circles and what not. How much better to do away with such red tape and machinery, and give, give, give self-denyingly straight into the treasury of the Lord! Let all who teach in the home, in the Sunday-school, in the church, and out of it, teach the blessedness of giving, and giving through self-denial.

In this country of plenty our young people have little idea of self-denial. Try it, young friends, and see what joy it brings. Take a few examples of saving money for the Lord's work. You are very fond of sailing, and a party is formed for a day's sail. You expect to "chip in" to the amount of one dollar. Instead, take a run in the woods with

friend, and save that dollar for the Lord. You think lawn tennis a very fine game, and you plan with a friend to have a set of your own. Your share comes to three dollars. Save your time and money, and get exercise in some cheaper way. Four dollars saved! Of course all do not spend thus freely for amusements, yet, even in those purchases which we consider necessary, we spend more freely than we need. A little careful thought in the purchase of groceries, or clothing, or a hat, or a pair of shoes, may turn many an extra dollar into the Lord's treasury. Earnest thought and careful planning will suggest many ways in which we may deny ourselves, and bring in richer offerings to the Lord.

I have already begun this plan in a systematic way, and it gives real pleasure to think more of the Lord's treasury, and less of my own. Try it, beloved in the Lord, and see if He will not open the windows of heaven upon you.—*N. J. P.*

"HAIL AND FAREWELL."

WITH deep emotion I put pen to my last report. Your missionary no longer. Your grateful friend forever! Not that I am so near heaven, but next best, my church is from this blessed day, entirely self-supporting. I came to Nebraska in March, 1880, at the age of forty-eight, a farmer of limited means and broken health. I was a Presbyterian elder, converted in my childhood, and disciplined by severe affliction. Hoping to do some good, I sought, not for a good farm, but for a place destitute of religious opportunities, a moral desert. I had not long to seek. I went to work in Sunday-school and prayer-meeting, while improving "my claim." God gave me such a yearning for that desolate neighborhood that I could not rest night or day. The long agony of prayer I shall never forget. And God heard. People of many denominations met to form a church. To my grief they made it Congregational. I do not now see what else they could have done. Myself and family put in our letters. This was at Freewater.

Moline was soon organized. I was a pastor on a wide field, including these churches and several out-stations, before I was aware of it or even had thought of such a thing. The churches and the association recognized the fact, and your Society,—the mother of us all,—came to the rescue. This continued three years. The churches grew, built good houses of worship, and I fell flat, health utterly inadequate to the hard work of an unbounded field on the prairie. I went into the pulpit but once—on dedication day. They sang "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and I could only say, "With desire have I desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer," and I turned away with the richest joy and the deepest anguish I have ever known. My cup was full. The committee sent me here to Cambridge, a pleasant village, that my work might be a little easier. There was one Congregationalist here, an "old back,"

holding down a claim, four miles south of the town, and he was away for a winter vacation. There was not much here but a chance to work and a sick man to do it. But we have grown. Have now a fine building, worth \$3,000, and fifty-eight members. Our first quarrel is, I trust farther in the future than my decease. Our town has never had a drinking place. My health has improved somewhat, but I am still feeble and very happy. I give this history, leaving out much that I would like to write, hoping that our brethren on many of the wide and destitute fields, suffering so terribly for laborers, may look up among themselves some old farmer, teacher, or business man, fairly educated and thoroughly consecrated, and make him a leader to victory for the Lord. He can work with poor instruments. Dear American Home Missionary Society, hail and farewell!—*Rev. Amos N. Dean, Cambridge, Nebraska.*

SELF-SACRIFICE.

THERE is no other denomination near us, and no church building in the county outside of our own at Ree Heights. We have possession of a large tract of country, but no place of worship centrally located so as to unify the people. The result is, I have to preach at two different school-houses, one in the south and the other in the north part of township. This gives us a divided work, hence two Sunday-schools and congregations, and preaching at each place on alternate Sabbaths. Last Sabbath I was at the north school-house. There were at least fifty persons crowded into it,—people hungry for the Word of Life. Most of them are poor. The comparative failure of crops the last two years has placed many in straitened circumstances. Some had to hire money to get grain for seed last spring. The prospect is now, however, for an excellent crop, and a few good crops will speedily lift the financial burdens incidental to a new country. What we want to do—and it must be done soon or our opportunity will be gone—is to hold this section of country for Christ; hence the immediate necessity for prompt action. The people are ready to do what they can, and we have in sight at least \$200. I want to put up a small church. It will cost \$700. If I can get enough to buy material, will proceed at once to build. Shall erect and inclose the church this fall, and if we cannot secure funds enough to finish, will complete when we can. If we can do this, it will be a question of only a few years when we shall have a strong and aggressive church, in which many souls will rejoice in a new-found Savior, and it will be the potent factor in the social, intellectual, and moral elevation of the people.

We have many truly devoted and heroic souls. A poor woman whose husband was badly frozen last winter and was not able to work until late in the spring, who takes in washing for a living, pays five dollars this

year for the support of the Gospel. Another poor women said to me, "We have no money, but can't you come and board with us two or three weeks, for we do want to help the good work along, and feel so bad because we have no money to give." The children wanted to make an offering to the Home Missionary Society. They had no money, and their parents told them they could have the eggs laid on a certain day. They gathered up their missionary eggs and sold them, and the offering amounted to five dollars. On Children's Day we had a fine service and secured a collection of five dollars, a part of which the children raised by picking greens and selling them. I mention these facts to show the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice and enthusiasm manifested in our frontier work. My family are on a farm caring for themselves, and I have preached here six months for less than \$100. However, we believe in God, the country, and the people, and know that there is a glorious future for the church in Dakota, and that your contributions will multiply a hundred-fold in this land of marvelous growth and more marvelous possibilities.

Having spent a good part of my life in Woburn, Mass., I know something of the loud knocks at the church doors in the East for help; but I am sure if you could look over our beautiful prairie, see the poor, but cultured and intelligent people who have come hither to find a home and plant the standard of the Cross and pre-empt this land for Christ, you would feel it to be a grand investment, and a glorious opportunity to help a struggling people.—*Rev. J. G. Campbell, Ree Heights, Dak.*

MOCK SERVICES.—"Drug Store"—"Land Office"—"Cigar Factory," are the new names for the saloon in a Western town. The young men hold mock open-air religious services, singing parodies on Gospel Hymns, praying aloud, and even preaching. "May the Lord have mercy upon them!" cries the Missionary, "for they are somebody's sons, and perhaps the children of many prayers."

HIS CUP IS FULL.

OUR readers are requested not to send us any contributions to buy a horse and buggy for a missionary in Nebraska, a notice of whose case was published in our last. Why not? Because we've got the money; we've got it all, and all in one check. Here is a note which tells the story.

"DEAR EDITOR,—I cut this from your last week's paper. It moves me to send you the enclosed check, with the distinct understanding that I'm not known in the matter. If some one else is ahead of me, why, return the check, and oblige—Yours truly, —."

Our good missionary brother, who has had to face the blizzards on the open prairies for twenty years, will feel that his cup is full. He only

asked \$125, with which he said he could buy a horse and buggy out in Nebraska, and twelve or fifteen dollars more would supply him with harness; but his unknown friend sends him \$150, adding in his note: "The extra ten dollars will improve the harness, or tuck in a blanket for good of man and beast."

To the above we return the following answer:

"MY VERY DEAR SIR,—I feel like lifting up my hands, and blessing you in the name of the Lord. If he is blessed who gives a cup of cold water to a disciple, how much more he who gives a horse and buggy! May the Lord reward you a thousand fold! I have already sent a check to this hard-worked missionary, who will offer up his prayers to God for you in his home on the western plains.—Yours gratefully, —."

If anybody else would receive the same thanks and prayers for doing a good act, he has but to show the same kindness and generosity to one of God's suffering ministers.—*Exchange.*

BIG HORN, WYOMING.—The people here are very poor. This is owing to the fact that there is no market here for farm products. The farms are very productive, but nearly all last year's crops are still in store. Large stacks of hay are rotting on the field, which, if we had an outlet we could ship to all parts of the Territory. Do you wonder that we wait and long for a railroad?

But if we are poor outwardly, we are rich just now in spiritual things. God's presence is with us. Our Sunday-school is the banner school of the Territory, and the spiritual life of the church is deepening. Five requests were presented last Sabbath for church membership. Many hearts are softening, and ere long we trust will yield to Christ. The Sunday-school is under the excellent management of a godly lady.—*Rev. S. Jennings.*

HELENA, MONTANA.—We are suffering from a deluge of unexpected obstacles which are incident to a western field, chief of which has been a sudden but permanent exodus among our people. One double family divided up, part going to New Mexico, and the other half to England—and this one double family filled three pews every Sabbath night and morning. Other large families belonging to us have been transferred to other fields, leaving our infant enterprise somewhat crippled. Several of our young people have gone to the States for an education. At one time the heart of your missionary was well-nigh dismayed lest the very foundations be removed. But the Lord is holding us, and our congregations still hold their own in number, or nearly so. One encouraging element of my work has been my Bible class, which numbers about twelve regular members with also twelve more hangers on who come occasionally. But it is an inspiring sight to see them filling

from one to four pews, diligently attending Sabbath after Sabbath to my humble but well-meant services. The city has had a wonderful financial prosperity this year, and noble residences on our side have been erected, but alas! how few of their owners have any interest in spiritual matters. Our little church moves steadily on, and in our recent application you notice we have ventured to ask nearly \$200 less this coming year, making nearly \$800 less aid from you than we received two years ago! Indeed, I don't see where all this money comes from, but it shows what can be done by "steadfast continuance." But oh, how we need a parsonage! I have to pay \$120 a year for bare walls, and am constantly threatened with a rise! Coal,—well, that costs us \$25 per ton; and wood at last amounts to nearly the same price. But our church is faced Zionward till the Promised Land is reached. Your missionary never enjoyed ministerial labor more in his life, and our young men in the seminaries are badly blinded to their own as well as the Master's interest, when, loth to come West, they take eastern parishes. HERE is the day of opportunity, and grand work, and results.—*Rev. F. D. Kelsey, Helena, Montana.*

PLAIN WORDS.

PEOPLE are queer about missionaries. They will go without food to minister to their *necessities*, but if a missionary speaks or writes longingly of some *luxury*, even though it be what *we* call a necessity, we think they must lack in spirituality. Now, out here in the West, I know a missionary who never spoke one word of complaint about his hardships. He never wrote, even in an official report, about being compelled to sleep on the floor for eight successive months. He never complained when compelled to ride ninety miles in a wagon over rough mountain roads to conduct a funeral service in mid-winter. He never told you how he had to sleep and study in a bed-room eight by twelve feet in size. There were no shutters on the windows, and the mercury went as high as 114°. The sun beat in there eight hours a day. Outside of this room—his home—there was no shade. As far as the eye could reach, there was nothing to see but a scorched, treeless plain. He used to ride sixty miles through wind and dust to preach. Sometimes he had to sleep in a coal-shed. Blankets thrown on shavings composed his bed. His regular preaching place was in a school-house. Lanterns placed upon the seats gave the required light for evening service. But he who had left a comfortable home and church to come here for Christ's sake, uttered no word of complaint.

Yet, when this faithful missionary went to another field,—where hundreds spent the Sabbath outside the sanctuary to ten who listened to his words,—and asked for a *Magic Lantern*,—what a breeze it created in the "*Ladies' Aid Society*" to whom the letter was written! It did

seem an unnecessary luxury to those good women, but to him it would have been a heaven-sent blessing, for through its ministry with its picture-plates of the "Life of Christ" and "Temperance" he hoped to draw in the perishing multitudes to hear the sacred story, and also to furnish a counter-attraction to the saloon.

Well, I have said my say, but of one thing you may always be sure. When a missionary asks for anything which you think he might get along without, he doesn't ask it for his own personal convenience, but to help along the blessed cause.—*A Constant Reader.*

Woman's Department.

No grace is more necessary to the Christian worker than fidelity,—the humble grace that marches on in sunshine and in storm, when no banners are waving and there is no music to cheer the weary feet.

THE president of the Vermont Woman's Union voices the prayer of many another leader in the vast work before us, when she exclaims, "Oh, for a stronger head to plan, and an additional number of hands to execute what is in my heart to do in this great work! The needs of this Home Missionary field are so vast, that one's sight is staggered, and only as we take it up with implicit faith in the Great Leader, can we have courage to attempt it."

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

ON the 9th of May last, a daughter was born to the American Home Missionary Society, whom we named "THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA." This was a great day for us, who have labored on this coast more than twelve years with no organized effort of this kind for the advancement of Christ's kingdom at home. We think we have the very best of ladies for officers. The society has commenced its life with the motto "Freely ye have received, freely give." It has seven tributary societies, and money in its treasury. We hope during the year to report good, if not great, work.—*Mrs. James F. Ford, Los Angeles, Cal.*

NEW YORK.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW YORK WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

ART. 1. THIS Society shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Union of the State of New York. Its objects shall be to promote missionary and evangelistic work in all parts of our land, by forming

iliaries in the churches of the State, and through them collecting money for the various societies of the Congregational order.

ART. II. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee, consisting of one from each association of the State. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of said Committee, and seven of the Committee so constituted shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. III.—SEC. 1. The President shall have general oversight of the interests of the Society, and preside at its annual meetings.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall make and preserve the records of the Society, and give any information desired respecting the formation of auxiliaries and the work of the Society.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys of the Society, forwarding them as directed by the auxiliaries to the Treasurer of the designated Society, and the moneys not so specified shall be appropriated according to the judgment of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall be in communication with churches in their respective associations or conferences, aid in the organization of auxiliaries, and arrange if possible for a yearly meeting within the bounds of each local association, at such time and place as may be expedient; and shall have power to fill any office that may become vacant during the year.

ART. IV. Any local society may become auxiliary by contributing annually five dollars or more through the Treasurer of the Union, and members will be entitled to vote at the meetings of the Union.

ART. V. The annual meeting of this Society shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the General Association of New York.

ART. VI. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Union by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of the proposed change having been given one year previous.

EPAPHRODITUS BOXES.

ST. PAUL mentions having received of Epaphroditus the things which he sent him from Philippi.

But observe, it was not money, it was certain *things* that were sent, those of us who know how packages are made up can understand the method with which, on their arrival, the elaborate cordings would be removed, and the successive wrappings removed, until at last "the things" could be displayed. What these warmly welcomed things actually were,

we are not told, but if St. Paul, then in bonds, recognized many little contributions from Euodias and Syntyche, you may be sure it brought tears to his eyes, as I myself have seen to happen when a missionary box from home has been opened at the ends of the earth.

Ah! you dear good friends at home, you little know the priceless value of such tokens of remembrance your missionary boxes convey to those who are much alone, and nourish their faith and hope in the absence of surrounding aids and influence. A very dear and very practical English friend, after reading these words, commenced at once making up a box of "things," pins, needles, tapes, hair-pins, scissors, thimbles, black sewing-silk, and the many trifling articles which missionaries could use or sell for the benefit of the schools. This energetic worker soon had an "Epaphroditus Box" on its way, and shall not others follow such a good example?—*Rev. Dr. Syde, England.*

[The *American* Epaphroditus box finds a permanent place in the chamber of the lady of the house. While on her usual shopping expeditions, she either duplicates her purchases, or selects some useful article for the missionary sister on the frontier, who is likely to be miles away from a store. When box No. 1 is filled, it is either sent direct to the front, or handed over to the Ladies' Aid Society to help fill the regular missionary box, while box No. 2 takes it place at home.]

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.—While resting by the sea for a few weeks, I have been greatly impressed with the largeness of that prophecy in Isaiah: "The earth SHALL BE FULL of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." We who are praying and working for the up-building of God's kingdom, see in this promise what we are working toward. When the tide is at its ebb, I see the promise yet unfulfilled. When the flow comes in, wave after wave filling in and "covering" the entire bed of the sea, I catch a glimpse of that glorious time when "all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest"—and it seems easy to pray "THY KINGDOM COME." How inexpressibly sweet are such anticipations! How my heart glows with desire and longing to have everybody KNOW our dear Father in Heaven! It is so precious to be admitted to the love and intimacy of God, and to work along the lines of his glorious plans for the salvation of the world.—*C. L. G.*

OUR SOCIETY.

WE started about a year ago in a quiet way, admitting as members those who would pledge themselves to do and give something, and asking others to do and give something for Home Missions. We were Baptists, and Congregationalists, mostly, with a sprinkling of other denominations. We gave mite boxes to all who would take them—ladies, girls, young men.

and boys, distributing at the same time the story of "Mrs. Pickett's Mite box." Over a hundred were given out, and every one seemed charmed with the leaflet. The idea of contributing to the mite boxes for blessings received, at first predominated over other motives, especially among the young people. If any member chanced to say "I am glad," another would immediately respond, "Remember your mite box!"

It was true of this, as of most communities, that the people had never studied very deeply into the missionary cause, but our members began to read missionary intelligence. Leaflets were freely circulated, and the people found that as soon as they began to read about the cause, they became interested, and wanted to give for it.

One lady decided at the time of the blizzard that she would put something into her mite box every time any one called at the house during the rest of the year. You may be sure that when this was known, we made special efforts to keep her from being lonely!

After awhile some of the members said they could no longer afford to give in the line of blessings; because, even if they could, one box would be wholly insufficient, for they could "load down several!"

When the boxes were opened we found eighty dollars for Home Missions. The remarks and confessions concerning these little boxes were of deep interest to some of us. One lady said, "I did not bring my box—there was so little in it. The truth is, it stood beside the bank of my little daughter, and it was very hard to go by that to the mite box." After listening to Mrs. Eastman's paper, "Have Salt in Yourselves," she handed a contribution to our treasurer.

Another, who had frequent guests to dinner, placed her box on the dining-room shelf that it might attract pennies to itself. This proved so successful, that feeling the need of a "Webster's Unabridged" in her family, she placed another beside it, labeled "New Dictionary."

Money came from people who had little to spare. The greater part of it came from homes where there were children to rear, and the homes yet to be paid for.

The young ladies have a special object for their mite box collections, and we have not yet opened those of the boys; but we have come to the conclusion from our experience thus far that the mite box is very useful as a reminder, and as a convenient receptacle for money that can be spared at the time, without serious inconvenience, and that would not otherwise be saved for the cause. They have worked better with us than membership fees, or pledges, for the system is without form or formalities. We go to the place appointed (some one's house) any time in the afternoon, read, or listen to reading, and earnestly discuss the needs of our land and the work being done to meet these needs. Some of us occupy ourselves with needlework. We stay as long as possible, and go home to tea. We think once in two weeks not too often to meet in this way.

While thinking of the many blessings which make me glad, I am

grateful for two pictures in my mind which I brought from Saratoga last June, and which I would not exchange for many hundreds of dollars. One is that of Mrs. Eastman, in her perfect young womanhood as she stood before that grand audience, and urged our daughters to bring all their treasures and lay them at the feet of Christ, and render their lives to him in joyful service; and the other that of dear Mrs. Goodell, sweet and saintly, as she gave us those words of inspiration. I can see her face now, and hear her voice as she exclaims, "It seems almost too good to believe, that we may actually hasten the coming of His kingdom by our prayers! That we may open the very treasures of heaven upon our missionary workers, and bring down the power of the Holy Spirit on their work. BUT IT IS TRUE."

TIMELY BLINDS.

I HAVE been reading about the meeting at Saratoga. What a good time you *did* have! It is really an inspiration to read about it. My letter, which you kindly published in *The Home Missionary*, has sent us money enough to cover the windows of the Esmond church with blinds. They were put on just in time to save the windows from destruction by that last fearful hail storm. Many of our people lost their entire crops during that storm. Where stood great fields of waving grain ready to harvest—nothing is left but bare straws! The corn fields were stripped and the gardens ruined. How these people are to be warmed and clothed and fed this winter in their poor houses is a mystery. We rode thirty miles yesterday calling on these afflicted ones, and trying to comfort them. They seem benumbed by the calamity that has overtaken them. Their homes are mortgaged. They have no money, and were placing their dependence upon these crops. We called upon one family living in a sod house, where there were *nine children*.

On Monday next, we go to Mitchell to consult with Superintendent Wiard, and see if any plan can be devised by which the new fields can be reached where there are no gospel privileges, and where churches ought to be organized, at once. But, alas! there are no men—there is no money! It is heart-sickening to see these new towns springing up all along the railroads, which we ought to occupy and cannot, for we are just working ourselves to death now.

There is a little society at South Amherst, Mass., called "The Little Old Folks Band," which has helped us considerably in our work. We think the name a "cute" one.

Pray that our strength may hold out until more laborers are sent in to this great field.—Mrs. A. J. Drake, Iroquois, Dak.

CHRISTIAN ECONOMY.

I WAS pleased to read "A Word to the Thoughtful," in *The Home Missionary* for August. If only some lady of wealth and influence would take the lead in wearing plain, inexpensive clothing, and use the cost of elegant dress for the Master's work, how many would gladly follow, each one practicing her own measure of economy, for many who do not wear elegant costumes would find ways of economizing. Could not such a "society" or "band" be formed of those who might call themselves "Home Missionary Helpers," or "Economists," or something denoting the same? An inexpensive little pin might be made, using the monogram H. M. H. or H. M. E. as a sort of badge. Perhaps it might be a help. I do not know—it is only a suggestion. How MUCH might flow into the treasury from the hands of consecrated women!

[Every neglected missionary field in our country might be supplied with a church building, parsonage, and missionary, at once, if the cost of SUPERFLUITIES in the wardrobe of every American Christian woman were to be added to the Lord's treasury.]

Our Young People.

PRUE'S MISSIONARY MONEY.

"Oh, mamma, my potatoes are looking splendid, and papa thinks there will be at least six bushels; and if they are fifty cents a bushel, there will be three dollars. Only think! won't that be a good deal of money?" So saying, Phil Sanborn drew up to the dinner table delighted.

"Yes, my son, that will be a good deal, indeed," said Mrs. Sanborn, as she smiled down upon her ten-year-old boy.

The spring previous some of the ladies interested in missions had been in that town to tell of the grand work they were doing, and even the boys and girls were interested. Phil had been told that he might plant some potatoes, caring for them himself, and have their price for missions when these ladies came again.

Prue, Phil's nine-year-old sister, heard, and her large blue eyes grew sad, for she had nothing to give.

"Eat your dinner, Prue," said mamma; "I thought my little girl was fond of apple dumplings."

"So I am but—I was thinking."

"Of what, pussy?" asked papa. "Any new disease attacked your dolly?"

"No, papa; but such *wonderful* things are to be done."

"What wonderful things? Is Barnum coming up here with his museum?"

"Why, no, papa; but about missions; and you and mamma and auntie, and even Phil, have something to give, and I—I haven't anything." And Prue ended with a sob.

"Who ever expected *girls* could earn anything, I'd like to know? See here Prue, I'll give you ten cents of my potato money," said Phil.

"Thank you, I do not want it," returned Prue.

"I'll give you twenty-five cents," said papa.

"That would not be earning it myself, as the rest of you do! No, I shall give nothing which is not my very own," said the little miss.

After the dishes were washed, mamma sat down to her sewing, and auntie to her knitting, while Prue, with the kitten in her lap, was in a brown study.

"Oh, mamma, I've got an idea!" and Prue gave such a jump that the kitten went out of the window. "Auntie said I was very clever at making dolls' clothes, and I might make a few suits, real nice ones, and put them in Mr. Roberts' store. He will let me, if it is for missions, and then I'll have some money all my own to give."

"So you shall, dearie," said auntie. "Get your silks and merino, and your dolly, and we will commence. I will cut and fit, and you shall sew every stitch."

In November the missionary meetings were held again. Phil gave three dollars and seventy-nine cents—the dollars from potatoes, and the cents from chestnuts. Then happy little Prue brought her offering—four bright, new, silver dollars, with her eyes shining like stars.

That night, as they talked the meeting over by the fire at home, Phil said, "I have changed my mind about girls, since Prue earned so much. I don't know that many boys could have done better."

And Prue whispered to mamma, "Wasn't it work for Jesus, too, mamma?"

"Yes, darling, if you did it for the love of helping Him," replied mamma, with a loving kiss for her little girl.

"It seemed to-day as though Jesus stood there and smiled at me, saying, 'Prue, I know you love me, for you gave up those pretty clothes for me.'"

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Are you almost disgusted
 With life, little man ?
 I will tell you a wonderful trick
 That will bring you contentment
 If anything can—
 Do something for somebody, quick ;
 Do something for somebody, quick !

Are you awfully tired
 With play, little girl ?
 Weary, discouraged, and sick ?
 I'll tell you the loveliest
 Game in the world—
 Do something for somebody, quick ;
 Do something for somebody, quick !

QUESTIONS.

55. DEFINE the word "auxiliary."
56. What is a State Auxiliary ?
57. How many State Auxiliaries has this Society ?
58. Name the States.
59. Where do you find these names ?
60. What must a State do to become an auxiliary of The American Home Missionary Society ?
61. What is the American Home Missionary Society trying to do ?
62. How ?
63. How many Missionaries does this Society send out ?
64. Does this Society have any schools ?
65. How many, and in what States ?
66. Is there a State or Territory in this country where this Society has no missionary ?
67. Are the ladies doing anything to help this Society ?
68. How many State organizations have these ladies, and in what States ?
69. What is the name of the ladies' Fund ?
70. What is the name of the children's Fund ?
71. What fund will the young ladies raise this year ?
72. How many Congregational churches are there in this whole Country ?
73. How many of these were started by the American Home Missionary Society ?
74. How much money did the churches give this Society last year ?
75. How much does the Society want this year ?

"OLD SPEC."

I WANT to tell you of what "we girls" have just been doing to some money. But first I must tell you that our minister's salary is very small,—quite insufficient for him to keep a horse, but it did seem absolutely necessary for him to have one, so our Auntie, bless her generous heart! gave him our Old Spec, with the buggy, harness, and the "fixings." His real name is SPECULATION. Then we thought the rest of the people ought to give the food for Spec to eat. One of our neighbors said, "Come to my house, and have any kind of an entertainment you like, and invite the whole town." So we did, and about a hundred came. I can't tell you *all* that was said and done, but the programme began by four little boys prancing about the room on their hands, singing "Ride a broom horse to Banbury Cross." Then a little boy recited,

"I had a little pony whose name was Speculation.
I lent him to a lady to ride him to the station."

Then some very little girls sang, "Jog Spec, Jog Along." The poem written for the occasion was read, which I have copied for you

SPECKLE'S PLEA.

I've a story now to tell you. If you'll kindly lend an ear,
I'll try my best to please you, and make my meaning clear.
My home was in the country at the dear Hillside,
Where hearts and doors and purses are always opened wide.
The sick, the poor, the humble, and the low
Are sure of a welcome, if there they go.
My mistress was ever indulgent and kind,
But was sure all my weak points and failings to find.
She believed it a duty, if any one could,
To go out in the world, and try to do good.
She could not see me idle, and very soon she found
How I might be made a blessing to your whole town.
So I was now re-fitted in quite a royal style,
And properly equipped for many and many a mile.
I thought it all over, but it was very hard to part;
For my old home yet has a hold upon my heart.
I had young friends at Hillside, that for many a day
I had trotted around, either for work or for play.
I loved the dear girls, they were true friends I found,
But they said "Good-bye, Spec, now don't tumble down!"
So one spring morning, with the mud to my knees—
The thought of it now about makes me sneeze—
I was trotted out slowly, and I wondered, Where next?
But I very soon found 'twas the Parsonage Annex.
My mistress provided nice straw for a bed,
So I've a comfortable place for my weary old head.
But I can't live on straw and hay, like the goats,

So please, generous friends, will you give me some oats ?
 'Twill lengthen the purse-strings of your pastor and wife,
 Who are giving you now the best of their life
 In prayer and in thought, sweet and tender with love,
 Guided always, we know, by our Father above.
 I know I am old, and dumb as the wall,
 But the things I do know, would astonish you all.
 We go out "to call" when the weather is fine,
 And attend to everything that comes in that line.
 We make it a point wherever we go
 To call on the friend, not forgetting the foe.
 We call on the sick, the feeble, and worn ;
 And leave in each heart a glad, sweet song,
 Or a few scattered seeds for the sweet bye-and-bye
 Which shall reach their fruition in the home on high.
 Now just let me whisper, for I greatly fear renown,
 I do think I'm a blessing to your whole town.
 So open wide your purses, and loving thought take
 For others, kind friends, for old Speckle's sake.

After this appeal a collection was taken for benefit of Spec, and then we all adjourned to the carriage-house where we found this notice :

"HORSE FAIR. ADMISSION FIVE CENTS."

There, to be sure, was Speculation himself, to give us welcome. Then we were introduced to a Clothes Horse, a Saw Horse, a Shaving Horse, a Horse Pistol, Horse Radish and Horse Chestnuts. Behind a screen was a "Bridal Scene" which consisted of two bridles hanging side by side. The Horse Rake and some Spectators completed the exhibition. There was an exhibitor to describe the different horses. He said, for instance, that 'the Clothes Horse often had six legs. It was a horse much used by ladies, was considered perfectly safe, never kicked, but sometimes fell down,' etc.

I read in *The Home Missionary* that it would be a good plan for some of us young people to try and help about these *Missionary horses* that are now so much needed, and I wondered if somebody couldn't take a hint from our pleasant little entertainment, and get up something similar. We were perfectly satisfied with the amount of money we collected.—*From one of your Young Friends.*

THE BLANKET INDIANS.

ONE of our young friends is spending a few months in Indian Territory, and sends us a pleasant letter, in which she says, "I am stopping at an army post sixty-five miles north of H——, Texas. We had to come that distance in a rickety old stage, but when you get here, it is just lovely. The larks are singing, the red-birds are whistling, and the

flowers are blossoming all about us. We are on the Kiowa and Com Reservation, among the Blanket Indians. But although they have blankets, they don't let that stand in the way of having good work and the scouts have *baby carriages*! We often see the shining caps bobbing around, in and out among the bushes, and sometimes past the house with the baby's eyes bulging out of its poor little head. I do feel a great deal of sympathy for these Indians, but everything is dreadfully crooked in regard to them. How hard it is to undo a wrong. We have taken everything away from them, and the way we go back makes them paupers. They get their beef at issue, and live until it is gone, and then they beg and starve until next issue day.

"I have tried to straighten things out in my mind, but I can't. I always bow, and say 'How?' when I meet them, and look pleasant. I know very little English, but they say 'Good' if anything pleases."

"One of the scouts came by to-night while we sat upon the porch. The band was playing for dress-parade, and he stopped and listened to the music. He looked up at us, and smiling very pleasantly said 'I like it good.' I'm afraid you will not think that this is much of a missionary letter, but there is need enough of home missionary work about here, I can tell you."—*Ella*.

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WHITMAN COLLEGE.

FROM THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF
AMERICAN COLLEGE AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The sixth year of Whitman College, Walla Walla, W. T., has been fraught with discouragements as well as encouragements.

A number of cases of typhoid fever existed in the city, and a fatal case taking the disease doubtless prevented the usual increase of attendance at the beginning of the winter term; yet, notwithstanding this and other impediments, the total number of different students for the year 190, and the total amount received for tuition exceeds that of a year by more than \$700.

The work of teaching has been excellent, and has been appreciated

students and patrons. Most of our students have a purpose in their work, and such of them as go East to take post-graduate studies or professional training take high rank among their classmates.

But the greatest improvement of all, and the greatest encouragement, is the marked change in Whitman College in favor of Christianity. Nearly all of the college students are professing Christians, and the number in the academic department is increasing. During the year there has been no general revival in the city or college, but there has been a quiet, steady Christian work, both in the city churches and in the institution. In our Congregational Church it is especially so. Every now and then a student or young person of the city has come to Christ and then joined a church. This is owing to the fact that we constantly hold up the Bible as the word of God and the true guide of life; that we teach such works as Hopkins' *Evidences of Christianity* and Gregory's *Christian Ethics*; that students and teachers are unostentatiously active; and that churches and Endeavor Societies work with plan and method and zeal. Whitman College, you may rest assured, and our community also, are both becoming more Christian, and especially is it true that the powerful infidel sentiment among our students a few years ago is now taking a back seat in the College.

But Whitman College needs encouragement. I believe it deserves encouragement. It needs the prayers of those who give it funds; it needs the prayers of those who know its wants but cannot give it funds; it needs \$2,500 a year to keep it moving steadily along in the path it is now taking, until it has a larger endowment. Over \$500 has been raised in the home field during the year, and just as soon as there is a change for the better in an unprecedented condition of business affairs which has arisen out of a monopoly in the transportation of the products of our valley to market, larger amounts will be forthcoming. The principal of our debt is not allowed to increase, and has recently been re-funded at a low rate of interest. In no event will the East be asked to pay the debt. It will be paid by the people of Walla Walla, according to the original understanding. For the present, we depend upon the East for funds to help pay current expenses, needed buildings, and endowment. Shall we trust in vain? I think not, for Whitman College always has been and is now the object of prayer, and God hears prayer.

Appointments in August, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Brown, Miss Nettie, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Crane, Edward P., Welsh, La.
 Davenport, Isaac W., Newark, N. J.
 Ewart, John Y., Manchester, N. J.
 Franklin, August W., Youngstown, Ohio.
 Harris, Joseph C. C., Pico Heights, Cal.
 Hungerford, F. H., Green River and Rock Springs, Wyo.
 Isakson, Carl A., Buffalo, Minn.
 Koch, Johannes, Ritzville and Endicott, Wash. Ter.
 Martin, John L., West Dora, Minn.
 Moore, Gaines P., Coral, Mich.
 Nutting, John D., Newport, Ky.
 Oviatt, T. M., Antioch, Cal.
 Peters, William J., Bountiful, Centerville and Farmington, Utah.
 Powell, Richard, Coal Dale, Penn.
 Rawson, George A., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Seaberg, August, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Slater, C. C., West Duluth, Minn.
 Staats, Henry T., Monk Hill, Cal.
 Stevens, William, Wakefield and Fink, Mich.
 Thompson, John K., New Rockford, No. Dak.
 Webster, George J., Ashland, Or.
 Wells, Andrew J., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Wells, John A., Oakwood, Mich.
 Willis, J. Vincent, Plankinton, So. Dak.

Re-commissioned.

Allen, Abram B., Hannibal, Mo.
 Baker, Benjamin F., White City, Kan.
 Bartlett, Dana W., St. Louis, Mo.
 Bascom, George S., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Boedeker, Miss Ellen M., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Bonnell, William H., Pocatello, Idaho.
 Bonnett, Louis M., Athol and Iowa Union, Kan.
 Brodhead, William H., Denver, Colo.
 Bruechert, F. H. W., Omaha, Neb.
 Daniels, Henry M., Oceanide and Carlsbad, Cal.
 Davies, John F., Lima, Ohio.
 Davis, Albert A., Fosston, Minn.
 De Long, Thomas W., Alnsworth, Neb.
 Dungan, George, Otis and Hyde, Colo.
 Eaton, Cyrus H., Strang and Shickley, Neb.
 Egerton, Thomas R., Jamestown, Ind.; and East Gilead, Mich.
 Emery, Miss Alice, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Fisher, Samuel V. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

Poster, Richard B., Cheney, Jewett and Rags, Kan.

Fowler, William C., Livingston, Mon.
 Gilman, William L., Harmon, Colo.
 Graf, John F., Springfield, Mo.
 Griffen, Miss Sally E., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Hall, Russell T., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Haskell, Robert B., Guttenberg, N. J.
 Haven, Egbert D., Sunol Glen, Cal.
 Henshaw, George, Sharon, Penn.
 Hoffman, Elisha A., Belden, Ohio.
 Holton, Mrs. E. M., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Hubbard, William B., Chamberlain, So. Dak.
 Jones, Abraham, Blossburg, Penn.
 Jones, Miss Emma, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Jones, Harvey, Compton, Cal.
 King, John W., Eaton, Colo.
 Knopf, Frank E., Angola, Ind.
 McCarthy, John, Vinita, Ind. Ter.
 Macomber, Hiram J., Steele City, Neb.
 Markham, Henry F., Cora and out-stations, Kan.
 Marsh, Henry, Edmore, Mich.
 Marsh, Thomas, Wallace and Russell Springs, Kan.
 Morse, Robert C., Westmoreland, Kan.
 Morris, George, Crockett, Cal.
 Newberry, Charles E., Steilacoom, Wash. Ter.
 Oakley, James, Pierre, So. Dak.
 Palm, Emanuel J., Christian Lake, Minn.
 Parsons, Henry W., Lake Benton, Minn.
 Peebles, David, Sandy and West Jordan, Utah.
 Pike, Alpheus J., Dwight and Grafton, No. Dak.
 Platt, Luther H., Wakarusa, Kan.
 Platt, Merritt F., Spring Valley, Cal.
 Ruddock, Charles A., Benson and Campbell, Minn.
 Salazar, J. Pablo, San Rafael, New Mex.
 Scroggs, Miss Ella W., Rogers, Ark.
 Scroggs, Joseph W., Rogers, Ark.
 Thomas, Ozra A., John's River and Wynoccha, Wash. Ter.
 Thomson, R. J., Baltimore, Md.
 Thurston, Thomas W., Hope, No. Dak.
 Todd, John W., Barnesville, Minn.
 Travers, Robert M., Ravenna, Neb.
 Vivian, Richard, Freeport, Mich.
 Webb, Miss Mary G., Rogers, Ark.
 Wiggins, Aaron W., New Cambria, Mo.
 Wolcott, William Henry, South Riverside, Cal.
 Wright, Malan H., Port Sanilac and Carsonville, Mich.
 Zercher, Henry J., Julesburg, Colo.

Receipts in August, 1888.

MAINE—\$104.86.

Farmington, New Old South Ch., by A. Russell.....	\$11 96
Freeport, First, by Rev. C. W. Longren.....	19 00
Hallowell, Mrs. Simon Page.....	25 00

Kittery Point, by Rev. O. Holmes.....	\$18 00
Portland, Ladies of Seamen's Bethel Ch., by Mrs. John Elliott.....	21 50
West Minot, Mrs. T. V. D. Mitchell.....	9 40
NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$941.22; of which Legacies, \$600.00.	

Received by L. D. Stevens,	
Treas. N. H. Miss. Soc.,	
Concord:	
First.....	\$8 00
A Friend.....	10 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Gilsum.....	15 00
Great Falls.....	22 00
Henniker.....	22 10
Mount Vernon, J. A. Stow-	
ell.....	5 00
New Ipswich.....	1 10
Pelham.....	50 00
Penacook, Mrs. A. W. Fisk,	5 00
West Concord.....	15 00
	\$238 20
Exeter, A Friend.....	25 00
Hanover, Legacy of Mrs. Eliza M.	
Young, by Prof. C. F. Emerson, Ex.	
Ch. Dartmouth College, by J. V.	
Hazen.....	
Kingston, Mrs. A. Wood.....	14 00
Lisbon, First, by Mary R. Cummings,	5 00
Lyme, by Rev. E. P. Butler.....	9 02
Milford, Legacy of Lydia H. Frost, by	84 00
A. and D. Heald, Ex.....	
North Hampton, J. L. Philbrook.....	500 00
Warner, Woman's Miss. Soc. of Cong.	10 00
Ch., by Miss R. B. Thompson.....	6 00
VERMONT—\$164.26.	
Barton, by Dr. R. B. Skinner.....	
Brownington, M. S. Storrs.....	16 17
Chelsea, First, by Mrs. W. P. Town-	5 00
send.....	
Pittsford, A Friend.....	8 48
Pittsford, A Friend.....	50 00
Waterbury, by C. M. Sheldon.....	20 00
Westminster, Mission Band, by Alice	12 61
S. Descomb.....	
Windsor, by H. B. Thompson.....	10 00
	42 00
MASSACHUSETTS—\$3,682.61; of which	
Legacies, \$350.00.	
Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B.	
Palmer, Treas.....	
By request of Donors.....	
Amherst, Legacy of Mrs. Achsah	2,000 00
Smith, \$500; and Miss Mary Clark,	542 00
\$300, by E. W. Clark.....	
Auburndale, Mrs. S. G. Mosman.....	700 00
Hyde Park, A Friend, of which \$30	2 10
special.....	
Leverett, First, by S. K. Field.....	40 00
Medway, A Friend.....	28 51
Millbury, C. E. Hunt.....	100 00
Monterey, Anonymous.....	10 00
North Abington, Rev. C. Jones.....	10 00
North Brookfield, Mrs. H. M. N., of	1 00
First Ch.....	
Provincetown, Cong. Ch. Miss. Soc.,	10 00
by Rev. I. R. Prior.....	
Quincy, J. H. Wheble.....	11 00
Springfield, Mrs. J. Harmon.....	1 00
Winchester, Legacy of Harriet N.	2 00
Jackson, by A. C. Tenney, Ex.....	
Worcester, by E. Sawyer, special.....	150 00
Mrs. Mary E. Gough.....	25 00
	50 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$17.00.	
Newport, A Friend.....	15 00
Woonsocket, A Friend.....	2 00
CONNECTICUT—\$2,064.67; of which	
Legacy, \$300.00.	
Miss. Soc. of Conn., W. W. Jacobs,	
Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec.,	
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss,	
Sec. Women's H. M. Union:	
Fairfield, Ladies of the First Ch., for	
Salary Fund.....	
	259 20
	18 00

Centerbrook and Ivoryton, H. M. S.,	
by Mrs. L. D. Webber, for Salary	
Fund.....	
Cheshire, Y. P. S. C. E., by W. H. Al-	\$50 00
las, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	
Chester, A Friend, by Rev. A. Hall.....	2 50
Connecticut, A Friend.....	10 00
Connecticut, for New Work.....	102 50
Cornwall, First, by S. C. Beers.....	500 00
Darien, W. M. Nash.....	28 65
Durham, by H. G. Newton.....	1 00
Enfield, D. H. Abbe, by H. W. Hub-	4 00
bard.....	
Fairfield, Abby B. Nichols, special.....	5 09
Gulford, First, by E. W. Leete to	5 00
const. Miss Harriet C. Leete a L. M.	
Hadlyme, by R. E. Hungerford.....	50 00
Ivoryton, Mrs. J. E. Northrop, for	5 70
Salary Fund.....	
Madison, Mrs. A. D. Lee, to const. C.	30 00
T. Lee a L. M.....	
Middletown, S. H. Clarke, special.....	50 00
New Haven, Humphrey Street Ch. and	25 00
S. S., by H. E. Bartlett, to const.	
Rev. F. R. Luckey, Miss M. L. Post,	
Miss M. Bullis, N. P. Smith, W. R.	
Chambers and E. G. Trowbridge L.	
Ms.....	300 00
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles.....	27 63
Northford, by E. Smith.....	30 00
Norwich, from the estate of Miss Abby	
Coit Williams, dec., by G. D. Coit,	
Adm.....	300 00
Norwich Town, F. S. Avery.....	15 00
Old Lyme, First Ch., by R. Griswold.....	75 00
Roxbury, Cong. S. S., special, by E.	
G. Seeley, through Rev. W. H.	
Moore, Sec. Miss. Soc. Conn.....	10 00
Somers, by L. W. Percival.....	20 71
Somersville, by E. C. Chapman.....	17 01
South Windsor, First Ch., by C. J.	
Rockwell.....	13 20
H. W. Sudd, special.....	10 00
Stonington, add'l, by Rev. C. J. Hill.....	10 00
Torrington, by C. H. Barber.....	20 88
Washington, by C. L. Hickox.....	118 00
West Hartford, "Friends," special.....	30 00
Whitneyville, S. S., by C. B. Gilbert,	
for Salary Fund.....	25 00
Woodbury, Anonymous.....	5 00
NEW YORK—\$641.63; of which Leg-	
acy, \$180.00.	
Received by Rev. A. G. Upton:	
Jamestown.....	\$16 25
Batavia, on account of Trust Estate	
of Judge P. L. Tracy, by J. F. Tracy,	
Trustee.....	180 00
Bay Shore, by Rev. C. W. King.....	66 00
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue Ch.....	67 00
Two Friends.....	8 00
Cohoes, Mrs. Mary E. Clark.....	22 00
East Bloomfield, by F. Munson.....	27 40
Fairport, J. E. Howard, to const. Mrs.	
Clara Dudley a L. M.....	50 00
Gasport, Carrie S. Wilcox.....	4 34
Hoosick Falls, A Friend.....	5 00
Lewis and Wadham's Mills, by Rev.	
A. R. Crawford.....	30 50
Maine, Ch., \$28; Cong., S. S., \$3.36, by	
Rev. C. H. Kilmer.....	31 86
Mt. Vernon, Mrs. M. C. Kellogg, spe-	
cial.....	14 00
New York, A Friend.....	12 00
Orient, by M. B. Brown.....	15 17
Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmstead.....	2 50
Parkville, by Rev. E. Beecher.....	10 00
Perry Center, A Friend.....	10 00
Schroon Lake, by J. H. Pitkin.....	10 00
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch., by H. C.	
Hemingway.....	51 68
Union Center, by Rev. C. H. Kilmer.....	3 48
Upper Jay, B. Wells and Daughter.....	8 00

NEW JERSEY—\$40.00.

Chester, A. Friend..... \$40 00

FLORIDA—\$59.90.

Received by Mrs. L. R. Partridge, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
Jacksonville..... \$10 75
Tampa..... 17 00

Glencoe, S. S., \$2.50; C. R. Howard, \$2.50..... 5 00
Nashua, S. S., by A. H. Crane..... 6 15
Tavares, by Rev. A. T. Clarke..... 21 00

TEXAS—\$6.30.

Cleburne, Trinity Ch., by C. W. Mertz..... 6 30

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$7.75.

McAllister, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.... 5 00
Vinita, by Rev. N. M. Wheat..... 2 75

ARIZONA—\$75.00.

Prescott, by Rev. H. W. Houlding.... 75 00

TENNESSEE—\$4.00.

Soddy, by Rev. L. Morgan..... 4 00

OHIO—\$181.74.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
Atwater, by H. E. Brush..... \$38 80
Chardon..... 5 00
Chester, by W. Johnston..... 4 35
Staubenville, by Rev. C. W. Carroll..... 6 50

Received in July by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:
Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. O. W. H. M. U.:
Harmar, W. M. S..... \$25 00
Hudson..... 1 00
West End, N. J..... 2 00

Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Ohio Woman's H. M. Union:
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue Ch., L. H. M. S..... \$20 00
Hudson, L. H. M. S..... 7 00
Oberlin, Second Ch., L. Soc..... 10 00

Centre Belpre, Cong. S. S., by Maud E. Tiffany..... 3 00
Chagrin Falls, First, by J. J. Davis..... 14 00
Cuyaboga Falls, Cong. S. S., by L. R. Freeman..... 25 00
Findlay, by Rev. G. J. Jones..... 20 00
Oberlin, J. B. Clarke..... 10 00

INDIANA—\$8.50.

Andrews, by Rev. H. Van Ommeren..... 3 50
Hobart, by Rev. D. W. Andrews..... 5 00

ILLINOIS—\$30.40.

Bloomington, Friends..... 10 00
Chicago, A. Friend, special..... 10 00
Quincy, J. Perry..... 10 00
Rockford, Mrs. H. H. Robinson..... 40

MISSOURI—\$58.15.

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas. W. H. M. Soc., Pierce City, The Cheerful Workers of First Ch.
Anson, by Rev. T. C. Johnston..... 5 30
Brookline, and Republic, by Rev. J. M. Cheeseman..... 2 75

Cameron, by Rev. F. A. Bissell..... \$7 00
Hannibal, by Rev. A. B. Allen..... 15 00
St. Louis, by Rev. G. M. Sanborne..... 15 00
Mrs. L. B. Ripley..... 15 00
Springfield, by Rev. J. F. Graf..... 15 00

MICHIGAN—\$682.12.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:
Bay City, S. S., for North Star Mission..... \$5 52
Greenville..... 5 00
Manistee, R. G. Peters..... 200 00
Wacousta, Dea. Oscar Hart, "for H. M. work in the South"..... 20 00

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabbill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
Allendale, W. H. and F. M. S. Chase, Mite Boxes..... \$5 00
Covert, L. M. S..... 9 03
Delta..... 9 25
Dundee..... 3 21
Hudson, Mite Boxes..... 7 04
Hopkins, W. H. M. S. Second Ch..... 10 23
Kalamo..... 2 00
Kalkaska, for Salary Fund..... 5 00
Lansburg..... 2 23
Lansing, Plymouth S. S., for Salary Fund..... 7 80
Matawan..... 13 21
Osego..... 2 64
Victor..... 8 25
Wacousta..... 10 00
West Adrian..... 3 64
Pine Creek..... 10 00

North Star Mission:
Addison, Juvenile Mission Band..... \$119 40
Chippewa Lake, S. S..... 5 00
Croton, Five Children..... 4 50
Dundee, S. S..... 1 75
Essexville, North Star Mission Band..... 1 25
Flint, S. S., add'l..... 70
Jackson, S. S..... 25 00
Kalkaska, S. S..... 30
Michigan Center, Mrs. Stewart's S. S. class..... 2 00
Morenci, S. S..... 3 00
Pine Creek, Sab. eve. concert exercise..... 15 00
Pontiac, Juvenile Band..... 2 00
Port Huron, Y. P. S. C. E..... 21 23
Superior, S. S..... 2 00
Vicksburg, S. S..... 5 00
Whitehall, coll. on Children's Day..... 15 00

Alba, by Rev. J. W. Somerville..... \$104 82
Allegan, Mrs. O. D. Goodrich, for Mo. Pelt Fund..... 10 00
Almont, Ch., \$5; Alpine W. Birdsall, \$5, by Rev. A. Van Anken..... 1 00
Ann Arbor, Rev. C. S. Cady..... 7 50
Cedar Springs, \$5; Sand Lake, \$2.50; by Rev. E. C. Herrington..... 15 00
Charlevoix, by Rev. A. O. Downs..... 5 00
Chesaning, by Rev. W. H. Millar..... 1 00
Edmore, by Rev. H. Marsh..... 7 50
Glen Arbor, Maple City, and Solon, by Rev. A. Metcalf..... 1 10
Hay Lake, \$7.55; Mt. Zion, \$1.35; Rose dale, \$2.79; by Rev. J. W. Holt..... 2 00
Leland and Omens, by Rev. C. D. Banister..... 2 00
Meriden City and White Rock, by Rev. J. M. Warren..... 3 00

v. R. R. Davies, to wey and Mrs. M. Mc-		
.....	\$125 00	
v. T. W. Spanswick	3 68	
ria Wood, by J. A.		
.....	5 00	
M. W. Tuck	1 14	
1.98; of which Legacy,		
C. C. Keeler,		
an's H. M		
J. M. S.	\$6 40	
Williams	25 00	
3; Trade Lake, \$2.50,		31 40
gnus	6 58	
of Dr. H. E. Board-		
l. C. Boardman, Ex..	110 00	
nd, by J. H. Merrill,		
S.	1 50	
nd	5 00	
Hammond	5 00	
31.82.		
J. H. Morley:		
Ch	\$20 00	
sion Ch	3 00	
Ch	35 64	
.....	1 50	
M. S.	3 75	
.....	21 00	
S., by Rev. D.		
.....	5 00	
lymouth Ch.,		
son	42 00	
l, \$100; J. V.		
20; Rev. H. L.		
.....	125 00	
to const. Rev.	40 00	
tor and Mrs.		
untor L. Ms.	100 00	
L. Clayhorn.	22 17	
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Cross, Treas.		
M. Soc.:		
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af and Dumb		
.....	3 50	
S. Class	5 00	
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First Ch., W.		
.....	25 00	
M. S.	11 00	
H. M. S.	40 00	
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oss	2 00	
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Ch., Y. L. M.		
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D. Magnus:		
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.....	14 93	
H. O. Lawrence.	5 00	
S. M. McHose	5 00	

Fosston, by Rev. A. A. Davis	\$2 00
Freedom, Freeborn and Manchester,	
by Rev. W. Flak	3 40
Jamesville and New Richland, Chs.	1 50
Lyle and Rose Creek, by Rev. J. S.	
Rounce	1 25
Minneapolis, First Ch., by W. F.	
Decker	7 02
By Rev. G. S. Bascom	17 25
Morristown and Waterville, by F.	
Wrigley	5 55
Sherburne, by Rev. R. L. D. Preston.	5 00
Walnut Grove and Lamberton, by	
Rev. G. H. Smith	1 19

KANSAS—\$89.15.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dough-		
erty, Treas. Kan. H. M.		
Soc., Woman's H. M. Soc.	\$23 90	
Boston Mills, J. Hubbard ..	30 00	
Caploma	6 00	
Douglas	4 25	
Osawatomie	10 00	
.....	64 15	
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris,	10 00	
Wellington, by Rev. W. C. Veazle...	10 00	
Wakarusa, by Rev. L. H. Platt	5 00	
Correction: Chapman, Detroit, and		
Enterprise, by Rev. J. F. Smith	17 25	
[Erroneously acknowledged in July.]		

NEBRASKA—\$150.33.

Received by Rev. J. L. Malle:		
Creighton, by Rev. J. P.		
Preston	\$5 35	
Geneva, by W. V. Fifield ..	26 00	
Omaha, St. Mary's Avenue		
Ch., by Mrs. Selia Woods,	25 00	
Pierce, by D. W. Elliott	5 78	
.....	\$62 13	
By Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas. Woman's		
H. M. Union:		
Fairmont, Juvenile Y. P. S.		
C. E.	\$1 00	
Hastings, Mrs. Anne M.		
Lowman, to const. Miss		
Mary B. Lowman a L. M.,	50 00	
.....	\$51 00	113 13
Glenwood, by Rev. H. Bross	2 70	
Lincoln, by Rev. E. S. Ralston, for		
Mo. Felt Fund	50	
North Bend, by Rev. J. Harrison	15 00	
Princeton, German Ch., by Rev. J.		
Morach	9 00	
Stratton, and Trenton, by Rev. G. W.		
Rich	5 00	
Sutton, by Rev. M. Trieber	5 00	

NORTH DAKOTA—\$57.22.

Received by Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Treas.		
Woman's H. M. Union, No. Dak.:		
Caledonia	\$ 6 22	
Cummings	7 00	
Wahpeton	8 00	
Wolcott	31 00	
.....	52 22	
Caledonia, Mrs. L. Lohn	5 00	

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$57.70.

Received by Mrs. S. Fifield, Treas.		
Woman's H. M. U., So. Dak.:		
Sioux Falls, W. M. S.	\$10 00	
"King's Daughters"	5 00	
Ashton	6 30	
Firesteel	2 51	
Mitchell	3 64	
.....	27 45	

Bon Homme, by Rev. W. S. Washburne.....	\$5 00
Buffalo Gap, by Rev. E. E. Frame.....	9 85
Clark, by Rev. L. Kingsbury.....	4 50
Eureka, by Rev. H. Hetzler.....	4 00
Hermosa, by Rev. E. H. Pound.....	3 40
Huron, Rev. J. Thalberg, special.....	1 00
Powell, by Rev. J. T. Lewis.....	2 50

COLORADO—\$2.00.

East Pueblo, by Rev. J. A. Thome.....	2 00
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WYOMING—\$1.42.

Lusk, by Rev. D. T. Jenkins.....	1 42
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UTAH—\$18.00.

Park City, by Rev. C. L. Corwin.....	18 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$32.00.

Eureka, by Rev. D. D. Bowman.....	8 00
Fall City, by Rev. J. Campbell.....	5 00
Hydesville, and Rohnerville, by Rev. J. Macdonald.....	10 00
Indian Valley, \$4; San Miguel, \$5; by Rev. E. B. Tuthill.....	9 00

OREGON—\$174.97.

Received by A. S. Frank, Treas. Or. H. M. Soc.:	
Annual Meeting of the Oregon and Wash. Ter. H. M. Soc., by Rev. T. E. Clapp.....	\$7 00
East Portland, First, by E. Olsson.....	7 97
Hood River, Ladies of First Ch., by Mrs. E. M. Rockwell.....	5 00
Portland, First, Benevolent Fund, \$30; First Ch. to const. Dr. Z. B. Nichols and J. P. O. Lounsedale, L. Ms., \$100.....	130 00
First Ch., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. F. M. Warren.....	25 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$19.00.

Received by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Washougal; Mrs. J. W. Sarapson, \$1; Mrs. D. and others, \$1.50, by Mrs. J. E. C. Durgin.....	2 50
Endicott, and Ritzville, by Rev. J. Koch.....	4 00
Union Ridge, by Rev. F. H. Fruht.....	18 50

HOME MISSIONARY.....	255 50
	\$10,468 70

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Camden, N. Y., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Gamble, box and freight.....	\$48 40
Hampton, Ct., Miss Tappan, package.....	
Lakeville, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. M. H. Robbins, barrel.....	124 68
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mary E. Bennett, box.....	309 13
Sheffield, Mass., P. F. Bradford and Mrs. Henry Dutcher, barrel.....	

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from Jan. 17 to Feb. 28, 1888, JOHN L. CROSBY, Treas.

Bethel, First Ch. and Soc., by Rev. D. W. Hardy.....	\$15
Brewer, First Ch. and Soc., by Dea. G. A. Snow, Tr.....	15
Dennysville, Ch., by Geo. A. Peabody, Tr.....	10
East Orrington, Ch., by Dea. George.....	
Freedom, Ch., in pay't for L. M. Hallowell, legacy (add'l), from Mrs. Margaret Fifield, by Jos. S. Fifield, Ex'r.....	5 00
Hampden, Ch., by Dea. E. F. Duren.....	4 00
North Bridgton, Ch., by Frank O. Chadbourne.....	1 25
Orland, from H. T. and S. E. Buck.....	1 25
Portland, State St. Ch., to const. Mrs. Mary G. Walker a L. M. Sanford, Church.....	20 00
Skowhegan, Island Ave. Ch., by Rev. A. Wiswell.....	2 50
South Bridgton, Ch. and Soc., F. W. Sanborn, Tr.....	1 4 00
Tremont, from David W. Benson, in trust, for support of preaching at Bar Harbor.....	5 36
Waterville, Ch. and Soc., by H. T. Hanson, Tr.....	100 00
Westbrook, Second Cong. Ch. (Saccarappa), by H. P. Murch, Tr.....	31 25
W. Newfield, Ch., by E. H. Symes, Tr.....	30 45
Woodfords, Ch. and Soc., by Dea. J. H. Clark.....	14 15
Yarmouth, B. Freeman, Esq., to const. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Freeman a L. M. Yarmouth, Ch. and Soc., for North Anson Ch., by C. S. Marston, Tr.....	20 00
Contributions forwarded to Am. Home Miss. Soc., N. Y., viz.: Bath, Union of Winter St., and Central Churches, by G. J. Mitchell, Tr.....	20 00
Newcastle, Second Ch., by Rev. C. D. Crane.....	27 00
Portland, Second Parish.....	
Y. P. S. C. E., by C. A. Dunlap, Tr.....	51 18
State St. Ch., by E. Cory & Co.....	80 80
Yarmouth, First Ch., by C. L. Marston, Tr. (\$403.09 to A. H. M. S.).....	152 33
Woman's Maine Miss. Aux., by Tr.....	109 08
Income on investments.....	60 73
	50 00
	34 00
	223 25
	\$1,170 80
Previously acknowledged.....	10,428 09
Total from June 13, 1887, to date.....	\$11,598 89

Receipts from Feb. 28 to May 5, 1888.

Acton, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. W. A. Merrill.....	\$10 50
Albany, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	5 00
Bangor, Mrs. E. A. Harlow (in part for L. M.).....	10 00
Bath, Memorial gift of a daughter, by Rev. J. O. Fiske.....	10 00
Belfast, First Ch., by B. P. Field, Tr.....	23 25
Boothbay, Ch., for L. M. Brooksville, Ch., by J. Walker, Esq.....	20 00
Camden, Ch. (add'l).....	10 00
Cornish, Ch. Freeport, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. E. Adams.....	13 00
Fort Fairfield, Ch., by Rev. R. D. Osgood, which with previous donations constitutes Charles H. Stevens and Mrs. R. D. Osgood L. Ms. Greenville, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. C. Davison.....	15 00
	24 50
	23 00

le. S. S. penny collections.....	\$30 00
, Cong. Ch., by Rev. C. H. Per-	
1, Pine St. Ch., by Chas. Green-	15 25
Tr., to const. Rev. and Mrs. G.	
we L. M.	40 00
Ch., by E. F. Duren, Esq.	2 00
d Corner, Ch. and Soc., by D. T.	
Tr.	10 00
c Falls Ch., by Rev. C. A. White	25 00
iron, Ch., by Rev. G. W. Jones.	3 45
arnmouth, Ch., by Rev. J. E.	
Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.	10 16
Conference, by H. N. Bolster,	8 50
Ile, Ch., by Rev. E. L. Warren	30 00
le, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.	12 25
rt, First Ch., by E. B. Sheldon,	2 52
const. Rev. Robert G. Harbutt,	
nnie S. Sheldon, and Mrs. Cyn-	
7, Hopkins L. M.	70 07
reepert, Ch. and Soc., by Rev.	
Nichols.	30 00
aria, Ch., by H. N. Bolster, Esq.	6 50
st Harbor, from Mrs. H. C. Lur-	
Mrs. Philena Clark, and Mrs.	
e Ross, for Am. Home Miss.	
	2 00
er, Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.	5 00
Ch., by Rev. J. E. Adams.	15 00
second Ch., by A. K. Gleason.	15 00
's Maine Missionary Aux.	110 00
E. Adams, Sec., rec'd for preach-	
on investments.....	31 64
	362 41
	\$968 11
sly acknowledged.....	11,583 69
om June 13, 1887, to date.....	\$12,582 00

pts from June 13, 1888, to July 30, 1888.

Ch., by A. Leavitt, clerk.....	\$14 45
Mrs. J. E. Pond.....	2 00
Ch., by Sumner Dinmore.....	6 00
Meeting (at Rockland).....	34 50
First Ch., for A. H. M. Soc., by	
Hubbard, Tr.	28 00
st District, S. S., by E. H. Hunt,	
const. L. M.	20 00
hard. S. S., which with previous	
ations constitutes Joseph B.	
kard a L. M.	5 00
ort, Elm St. Ch., by E. Swazey,	
	100 00
Ch., by Rev. C. W. Porter.....	15 00
land Conference, by Rev. H. C.	
light.	24 65
land Mills, Warren Ch., by Rev.	
Cousins.	86 48
t, Central Ch. and Soc., by Geo.	
abody, Tr.	14 50
mner, Ch. and Soc.	10 00
r, Ch., by Rev. R. W. Jenkins.	32 42
i, Ch. and Soc., by J. S. Leavitt,	
	73 22
h., by Rev. E. Bean.....	50 27
unkport, So. Cong. Ch., by Rev.	
Emerson.	4 11
ton, Ch., by Rev. C. B. Gates.	11 00
tle, Second Ch., by Rev. C. D.	
, to const. Misses Mattie Robin-	
fennie Farnham, and Grace Gly-	
Ms.	60 00
n, Ch., by Rev. Geo. W. Christie	7 00
Conference, by Rev. S. L. Bow-	
	4 10
Conference, by L. A. Poor, Tr.	10 00
renton, Mrs. A. K. Thompson,	
self for A. H. M. Soc.	10 00

Wilton, Ch., by Miss A. R. Bass.....	\$16 00
Windham, Ch., by Rev. R. J. Kyle.....	12 00
York Conference, Rev. J. S. Richards..	6 00
Woman's Maine Miss. Aux., by Tr.....	75 00
Dividends.....	623 00
Coupons on bonds.....	415 00
	\$1,769 70

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in August, Rev. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Andover, West, by E. F. Holt.....	\$50 00
Attleboro, Second, by A. B. Carpenter,	
for A. H. M. S.	175 00
Barnstable, Centerville, by A. Crosby..	10 00
Boston, Carlton, H. F.	5 00
C. A. S., for A. H. M. S.	100 00
Keyrs, Mrs. Emily P., to const., with	
earlier gift, E. P. Keyrs Fund.....	400 00
Jamaica Plain, by S. B. Capen.....	100 00
Brockton, Campello, by E. B. Estes,	100 00
Cambridge, Shepard, by Geo. S. Saun-	
ders.	541 21
Cambridgeport, Wood Memorial, Lad-	
ies' Miss. Soc., by L. F. Stevens.....	2 05
Cheleca, Central, by Azel Ames.....	18 22
Chigwell, England, Ropee, Miss S. Louisa	10 00
Erving, Rev. Ira A. Smith.....	5 00
Frammingham, Plymouth, by F. B. Horne	121 71
South, by A. M. Eames.....	72 70
Gardner, First, by Dan'l H. Rand, to	
const. Henry H. Smith L. M.	30 00
Gloucester, Lanesville, by Rev. F. H.	
Reed.....	20 00
Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas.	
Marsh, Treas.:	
Chicopee, First.....	\$131 73
Holyoke, First.....	19 08
Ludlow.....	26 40
South Hadley Falls.....	30 00
Springfield, Clarke, Rev.	
Edward.....	10 00
Westfield, Second.....	117 25
West Springfield, Ashley	
School and Char. Fund.....	189 59
West Springfield, First.....	24 00
Mittineague, to const. Ly-	
man W. Shepard L. M.	
of A. H. M. S.	64 00
	612 05
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. Chas. M.	
Pierce.....	17 00
Gilbertville, by John S. Bonney.....	20 00
Hartfield, by Alpheus Cowles.....	123 00
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge.....	9 02
Sunday School, by E. H. Clark,	
Supt.	42 40
"K".....	5 00
Huntington, First, by C. H. Kirkland	6 00
Hyannis, by Rosie C. Bearee.....	3 25
Hyde Park, Clarendon Hills, by Andrew	
Bates.....	6 00
Japan, Missionary, to const. Mrs. Ellen	
M. Cary L. M.	30 00
Kyoto, Japan, Mission Church, by Rev.	
D. W. Learned, for A. H. M. S.	20 00
Lakeville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	4 86
Lawrence, Miss Phebe A. Mills, to const.	
self L. M.	30 00
South, by Dea. J. Y. Buzzell.....	4 30
Leominster, Orth., by A. O. Wilder.....	23 35
Mattapoisett, Mrs. Elizabeth Cannon,	
by Rev. W. H. Cobb.....	1 00
Medford, Mystic, by F. H. Kidder.....	183 42
Melroe Highlands, by Joel Snow.....	20 00
Milford, First, by W. H. Bourne.....	59 00
Mt. Vernon, N. H., Const., William.....	5 00
Newburyport, Prospect St., "An aged	
friend of Missions," by Susan N.	
Brown for Mrs. Pickett's Rocky M.	10 00
Church.....	

Whitfield, by Eben Sumner	\$14 04
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone, to const. Rev Chas. S. Mills and Mrs. L. L. Deane, L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	100 00
Princeton, East, Chapel, by Oliver Osgood	12 00
Rochester, North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews	7 83
Rutland, by W. C. Temple	6 00
Shewsbury, by L. W. Smith	56 41
Stoughton, Interest, Samuel Clapp	100 00
Topsfield, by Dea. E. S. Clifford	18 88
Truro, D. E. Paine and Jane A. Paine ..	18 00
Uxbridge, John Williams	5 00
Wellfleet, by Simeon Atwood	29 08
West Boylston, First, by E. B. Rice	41 67
White, Chas. T.	5 00
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan, (of wh. \$30.45 for Slavic Work)	82 30
Woburn, First, Ladies' Char. Reading Soc., Mrs. Jacob Wright, by Mrs. Maria R. Bickford	20 00
Yarmouth, West, by Miss Abbie B. Crowell	7 00

Home Missionary	\$3,515 75
	4 80
	\$3,520 55

ERRATUM: Page 266, 25th line of figures, against
"Woburn," for \$36.00, read \$30.06.

*Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported
at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society,
in August.*

Bedford, Ladies, by Mrs. W. G. Webber, barrel and freight	\$71 15
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MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut
in August, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Barkhamsted, by Rev. J. B. Clarke	\$5 00
Riverton, by D. F. Ransom	15 00
Chatham, Cobalt, by Daniel S. Tibbals ..	9 00
Essex, Centerbrook, Mrs. J. E. Northrop, personal, for work among Foreigners in Conn.	10 00
Glastonbury, South, by H. D. Hale, from Ch. and S. S.	15 65
Hamden, Whitneyville, by James M. Payne	21 12
Hartland, East, by E. P. Jones	16 55
Litchfield, First, by F. D. McNeill	62 81
Lyme, Grassy Hill, by J. S. Hall	20 00
Manchester, North, by Levi Drake, \$94.06; for A. H. M. S., \$94.06	188 12
New Haven, College Street, by Samuel Lloyd	23 60
Fair Haven, First, by Willis Hemingway	91 14
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles, \$130.04; Rob- bins Battell, personal, \$10	140 04
North Haven, by Whitney Elliott	95 00

Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman, quarterly	\$47 10
Plymouth, Terryville, by George M. Allen	64 00
Roxbury, by Edward W. Preston, \$10 from Sunday-school; \$5 for German Seminary at Crete, Neb.; and \$5 to aid Mrs. Pickett's Rocky Mountain Work ..	26 71
Thomaston, by P. Darrow, \$13.30, and \$13.54	26 84
Vernon, by E. C. Chapman	10 24
Rockville, Second, by H. L. James	141 58
Washington, New Preston Hill, by Rev. Austin Isham	14 66
Westbrook, by T. D. Post	17 51
	\$1,068 61

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society in
July, J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.*

Beacon	\$2 40
Belmond, \$6.15; S. S., \$3.62	9 77
Bethel	3 42
Blairstown, Mrs. J. H. French	25 00
Brighton	5 65
Burlington, Dr. Wm. Salter	20 00
Cherokee, First, \$13.75; Friends, \$30 ..	33 75
Correctionsville	1 75
Cromwell, Ch. and Ladies	7 41
Davenport, German	8 00
Eldon	5 00
Excelsior	3 00
Fairfield	12 08
Garnaville, G. M. Porter	5 00
Grinnell, Friends	15 00
Hampton, S. S.	24 07
Keokuk, Swedish Mission	3 50
Keosauqua, Rev. T. C. Walker	2 00
Lansing	2 25
Mitchellville, S. S.	3 25
Nashua, Y. P. S. C. E.	3 40
Old Man's Creek	1 00
Petersen	6 40
Red Oak, Rev. A. M. Beman	5 00
Sergeant's Bluff	5 37
Sioux City, Mayflower	12 00
Sloan	3 39
Tabor	7 00
Talmage	3 00
Waverly	7 50
	\$247 00

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged	\$6,491 24
Connecticut, Centerbrook and Ivoryton, \$50; Fairfield, \$18; Ivoryton, \$30; Whitneyville, \$25	123 00
Michigan, Kalkaska, \$2.32; Lansing, \$18.81	15 63
	\$6,630 57
Children's Bohemian Fund	\$2,614 88

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

OFFICERS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FEMALE CENT INSTITUTION,

Organized August, 1885.

Treasurer, Miss A. A. McFarland, 186 Main St., Concord.

MINNESOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized September, 1873.

President, Mrs. E. S. Williams, 1729 11th Avenue S., Minneapolis.

Secretary, Mrs. H. L. Chase, 2750 2d Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Cross, 2634 Portland Ave., Minneapolis.

MAINE.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY,

Organized June, 1880.

President, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.

Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Hammond St., Bangor.

Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 26 Grove St., Bangor.

MICHIGAN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1881.

President, Mrs. George M. Lane, 47 Miami Ave., Detroit.

Secretary, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

KANSAS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized October, 1881.

President, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.

Secretary, Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Dougherty, Ottawa.

OHIO.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1882.

President, Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, 417 Sibley St., Cleveland.

Secretary, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin.

Treasurer, Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, 95 Monroe Ave., Columbus.

NEW YORK.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized October, 1883.

President, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 463 Greene Ave., Brooklyn.

Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 6 Salmon Block, Syracuse.

Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Cobb, 59 Bible House, New York City.

WISCONSIN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized October, 1883.

President, Mrs. H. A. Miner, Madison.

Secretary, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Beloit.

NORTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized November, 1883.

President, Mrs. A. B. Peebles, Fargo.

Secretary, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Gillett, Grand Forks.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized July, 1884.

President, Mrs. G. H. Atkinson, Portland, Or.

Secretary, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla, W. T.

Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Rockwood, Oregon City, Or.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized September, 1884.

President, Mrs. T. M. Hills, Sioux Falls.

Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls.

Treasurer, Mrs. S. Fifield, Lake Preston.

CONNECTICUT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized January, 1885.

President, Mrs. Francis B. Cooley, Hartford.

Secretary, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, 171 Capitol Ave., Hartford.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

MISSOURI.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized May, 1885.

President, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 3006 Pine St., St. Louis.

Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Cook, 4145 Bell Ave., St. Louis.

ILLINOIS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1885.

President, Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, 409 Orchard St., Chicago.

Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Maltby, Champaign.

IOWA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized June, 1886.

President, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.

Secretary, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Box 232, Grinnell.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Nicholson, Dubuque.

CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized October, 1887.

President, Mrs. J. K. McLean, Oakland.

Secretary, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, 516 Valencia St., San Francisco.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Havens, Oakland.

NEBRASKA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized November, 1887.

President, Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, 1216 H St., Lincoln.

Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont.

Treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.

FLORIDA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized February, 1888.

President, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.

Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.

Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Partridge, Longwood.

INDIANA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Michigan City.

Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne.

Treasurer, Mrs. L. F. Perdue, Terre Haute.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. Elijah Cash, Box 346, Los Angeles.

Secretary, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, Pasadena.

Treasurer, Mrs. Bangs, East Los Angeles.

VERMONT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized June, 1888.

President, Mrs. A. B. Swift, Burlington.

Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Osgood, 14 First Ave., Montpelier.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

Without a Woman's State H. M. Organization.

Alabama.
Arizona.
Arkansas.
Carolina.
Colorado.
Delaware.
District of Columbia.
Georgia.
Idaho.

Indian Territory.
Kentucky.
Louisiana.
Maryland.
Massachusetts.
Mississippi.
Montana.
Nevada.
New Jersey.

New Mexico.
Pennsylvania.
Rhode Island.
Tennessee.
Texas.
Utah.
Virginia.
Wyoming.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions.

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay, so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a *list of contents* to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age and sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?... Rom. x. 15.

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TREASURY NOTE.

THE facts under this head which will most interest our readers to-day are these. The Executive Committee have acted on the Society's vote at its annual meeting in 1887, and reaffirmed last June, "that it shall be the Society's settled policy to pay its missionaries without delay, and the Executive Committee shall use every business method to supply any temporary deficiency in the regular income."

In carrying out this vote, the Committee have borrowed at the banks ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000).

Of this sum twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) fall due on the 16th of October, twenty thousand dollars more, (\$20,000) on the 4th day of November, and the remainder in November and December.

At this date (Oct. 6th) there is nothing in the Treasury to meet the first of these notes—the daily receipts through the summer having been barely sufficient, *with the loans*, to meet promptly the dues to the missionaries.

Large dues to others of these brethren are daily maturing, and their reports of work call for immediate payment.

These current claims can be met promptly only by prompt and enlarged receipts from the churches.

To pay the maturing notes at the bank there must be an immediate rally of the friends of Home Missions for the raising of at least \$90,000 over and above the missionaries' claims daily falling due.

In this emergency, the officers of the Society, "trusting the Christianity of the Congregational churches, as the churches trust them," are cheered by the following resolutions passed enthusiastically at Saratoga, June 7, 1888.

"*Resolved*, That we have listened with profound interest to the paper of Secretary Clark entitled 'A Crisis in Home Missions;' that we appreciate the seriousness of the crisis he describes; that we indorse the appeal he makes for an advance of \$100,000 as the least that will be at all

"TRAINING SCHOOL FOR HOME MISSIONARIES."—The matter for the October *Home Missionary* was prepared in another State, and had not the usual revision of the officers of the Society. The article bearing the above title was selected by the Editor for its cordial sympathy with the general purposes of the Society and without knowledge of any local division of sentiment in Michigan. It was not the purpose of the Editor to commit the Society to either side of this discussion. If any of our readers have so interpreted it, we desire hereby to correct the impression.

THE work of the Women's Home Missionary Union of Florida has been greatly interrupted by the yellow fever panic. Of its officers, the secretary and treasurer, alone, have been able to remain at their post. The letters from the secretary, decorated with curious punches made by the quarantine authorities, are objects of curiosity in the editorial mail. In her last message she writes, "We are not discouraged. We mean to hold the fort, and you may rely upon us to do what skirmishing we can." While remembering this afflicted State before God, let us make special mention of these devoted women.

THE Woman's State H. M. Union of Iowa has opened a Bureau of Exchange through which to circulate the home missionary literature of the six "National Societies."

WE have received the first number of the *North Dakota Evangel*, a religious newspaper, devoted to the interests of the Congregational churches of North Dakota. Subscription price 25 cents a year. This paper, published monthly by Rev. Chas. A. Mack, Sanborn, Dak., is well worth twice its price to those interested in the work of our gospel pioneers.

"HAVE you made your will?" on page 317 of this magazine, has been published as a leaflet by the Am. Tract Society. One pastor has ordered a quantity for distribution in the pews. Other pastors desiring to do the same may obtain the leaflet from the Tract Society at 20 cents per hundred.

"A BUNDLE OF PAPERS," which is a full report of the all-day meeting of the officers of the Woman's State Unions at Saratoga, last June, is ready for distribution, and may be obtained by application to the secretaries of the Unions, or to Mrs. H. S. Caswell, Bible House, New York City. Price five cents each.

OUR Sunday-school is composed of forty Indian children from our school connected with the University. I am much encouraged by the progress they have made in the knowledge of the grace of God, and of the Bible.—*Superintendent Hood, New Mexico.*

OUR readers are indebted to the kindness of Messrs. Harper & Brothers for the illustrations, true to life, of a western sod-house, and dug-out, in this issue of *The Home Missionary*.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR WILL?

BY REV. H. W. POPE.

IF so, you have doubtless made provision for your wife and children, and for such other relatives and friends as have a reasonable claim upon you. You have not forgotten those trusty servants whose fidelity no wages can ever fully repay. And if you can think of any one who befriended you in early life, who is now poor, you have endeavored to show him that his kindness is not forgotten.

But have you remembered the Lord? Surely there is no one who has done so much for you. He it was who furnished the health, energy, and judgment by which you have accumulated your present property. And now he is poor—not poor in one sense, for “the silver and the gold are his”—but so many of those to whom he has intrusted it have forgotten that they are stewards and not owners, that he, the owner of it all, is really suffering for the lack of his own. The spread of the Gospel is greatly retarded for want of the necessary means. The Lord’s treasury is continually empty while multitudes are crying for the Bread of Life. Many of the Lord’s people turn a deaf ear to his entreaties, and few of them are fully alive to his urgent need of money.

“He who was rich, for our sakes became poor that we, through his poverty, might be rich;” and now that he is poor, surely we ought to remember the debt of gratitude we owe him. His name really deserves the first place in our wills, and that will in which the Lord’s name is not mentioned at all shows that one more servant has lived and died unmindful of the fact that he was the Lord’s steward, and not the Lord himself. A man of moderate wealth, who had been accustomed to give \$225 yearly for the support of the Gospel, bequeathed to the little church where he worshiped a legacy which yields an annual income of \$250, “in order,” as he said, “to make his place good when he was gone.” “By it, he, being dead, yet speaketh,” and will for years to come.

Have you, my brother, planned “to make your place good when you are gone”? Perhaps during your lifetime you have felt that all your money was needed in your business, or possibly, like many others, you have loved it too well to part with it, and have kept back the tithes which ought to have gone into the Lord’s treasury. If so, now that you must part with it, surely you will try to be generous with the Lord, and, so far as possible, make good the loss he has sustained.

If you have neglected this duty, why not add a codicil to your will this very day, so that when the will is read in the probate court of heaven, and the Master listens for his name, he will not be disappointed, but looking upon you with a smile and a tear of joy will say, “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

There is only one thing better than this, and that is to give the Lord his share while you live, and "enter into the joy of the Lord" here on earth. Said one who had just given \$50,000 to the cause of Christ in our own land, "I cannot tell you what I have enjoyed. It is like being born into the kingdom again."

Besides, if you give now, you will avoid possible contingencies, whereby the Lord's portion might be lost. Dr. J. G. Holland relates, that after the Chicago fire, three friends met, two of whom had been burned out of house and home, and the immense accumulations of successful lives. One of the unfortunates said to the other two, "Well, thank God, there was some of my money placed where it could not burn;" saying which, he turned upon his heel cheerfully, and went to work at his new life. His brother in misfortune turned to his companion and said, "That man gave away last year nearly a million of dollars, and if I had been wise, I should have done the same thing."

Be your own executor, then, and give while you can.—*The Congregationalist*.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.

I.

"CAN you not devise some way by which the churches may become better acquainted with your Home Missionary Superintendents?" This has been a favorite question since the annual meeting at Saratoga in June. We know of no better answer than to give our readers such facts as we can glean about the noble band who represent this Society at the front." "Faithful and true and tried, they stand as the representatives of the churches as well as of the Society, doing a work which the future historian will acknowledge as among the chief factors in civilizing and saving America. Like Paul, in labors abundant, in journeyings often, in weariness and painfulness, in watchings and hunger and thirst and cold and fastings, they also, like Paul, have the care of all the churches." These sketches will be accompanied by an account of the field of each Superintendent, and, if possible, by a map of the same. Many interesting and instructive programmes for missionary meetings may be prepared from these articles. A careful study of each field at the front, and a personal acquaintance with the Superintendent who has it in charge, must insure more intelligent praying and working at home.

REV. JOHN L. MAILE,

SUPERINTENDENT of Home Missions in NEBRASKA, was born in the village of Swavesey, near Cambridge, England, in April, 1844. The parents and family of four children came to the United States in 1850, locating at Lockport, N. Y. In 1854 the home was transferred to Michigan, near what is now the thriving city of Battle Creek.

Inheriting from his mother, now a vigorous old lady of eighty years, a magnificent constitution, the same was developed and strengthened by the activities of farm life until the call to arms in 1861. Like thousands of others, he, with patriotic zeal, answered the summons by enlisting, in his eighteenth year, in the Eighth Regiment Mich. Vol. Infantry. After brief initial experiences in military life, the regiment accompanied Burnside in his expedition to South Carolina in the autumn of the same year. In 1862 the command was transferred to Virginia. In 1863 most arduous campaign service was performed in Mississippi, Kentucky, and Tennessee. In January, 1864, while bivouacked in the deep snows of Eastern Tennessee, the regiment re-enlisted and was granted a thirty days' furlough. In April, 1864, Mr. Maile was, at Washington, approved by the Examining Board of General Silas Casey as an officer in the Twenty-Eighth U. S. Colored Troops, the commission to be issued in its clerical order. Rejoining his old regiment on the Rapidan River, he participated in the opening battle of the Wilderness and was taken prisoner on the sixth of May. Up to this time his service had been as private soldier in naval signal corps, as mounted orderly and bearer of regimental battle-flag, and he was actively engaged in the following battles: Coosaw River, 1861; Siege of Fort Pulaski, Ga., Second Bull Run, Va., South Mountain and Antietam, Md., 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., Blue Springs and Knoxville, Tenn., 1863; and Wilderness, Va., 1864.

Following his capture was confinement in rebel prisons at Lynchburg and Danville, Va., Andersonville, Ga., Florence, S. C., and Salisbury, N. C. Was paroled February, 1865, and discharged the following June.

In the fall of 1885, our soldier entered the Battle Creek High School. This was followed by a term of teaching and the passing thoroughly over the ground of two years' preparatory studies for college by private instruction at Olivet College. This period of mental work was sustained by a hard fight of nerve and will with the deep-seated effects of the starvation and disease of prison life. Although for three years the issue seemed to be permanent invalidism, some six months of theological study was accomplished.

Oberlin Seminary was entered in 1871, but a single term of the routine caused a return of nervous prostration. In the autumn of the same year the bracing climate of Northern Michigan was sought. The new field at Cheboygan on the Straits of Mackinaw was occupied and successfully served until the spring of 1876. A two years' pastorate with the Second Church at Jackson, Michigan, followed. Broken health caused a change to Portland, Michigan. At the end of two years, prostration again ensued for nearly a year. The north woods of Michigan again afforded relief. While at Portland, Mr. Maile paid much attention to our denominational Sunday-school work, and aided in opening the way to its

present efficiency. A years' pastorate at Gaylord, Michigan, was terminated by assignment of the Congregational Sunday-School and Publishing Society to the superintendency of their work in Colorado. In the spring of 1883 this appointment was transferred to Missouri and continued until October, 1884, when the superintendency of the American Home Missionary Society in Nebraska was assumed. The stirring activity of this general work has resulted in restoration to health and strength.

HOME MISSIONARY, NEBRASKA.

With most respectful and sincere salutations, Nebraska presents herself for closer acquaintance to the large and intelligent constituency of *The Home Missionary*.

The accompanying map indicates the area,—in round numbers 200 miles by 400 miles. To the result of the photo-engraver's art should be added a lively imagination to fill out the scant lineaments of such a small outline.

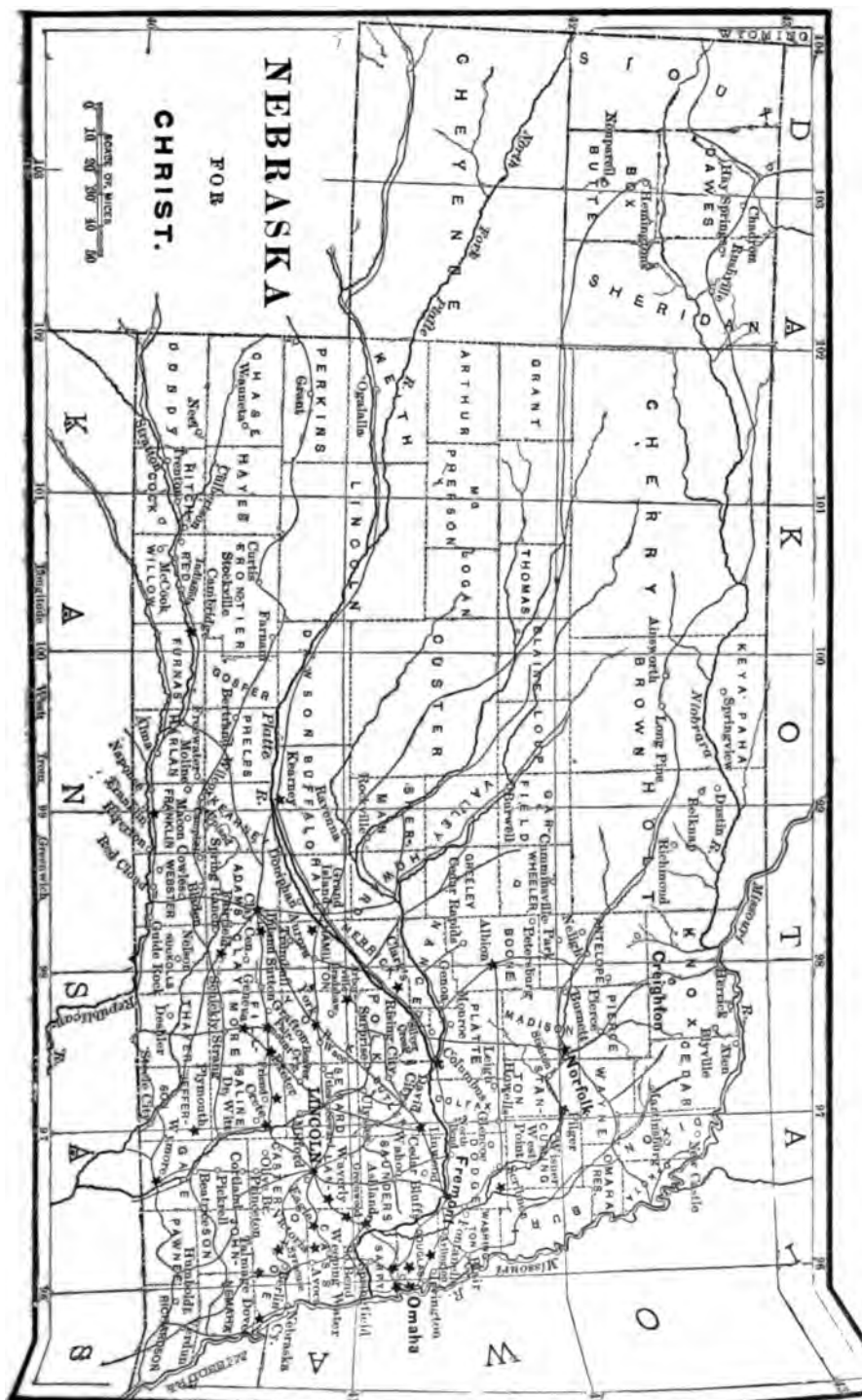
BLUFFS AND RIVERS.

Sentinel-like bluffs of varied dimensions and shapes overlook the numerous rivers and valleys which extend, like bands of silver bordered with rich green, along the length of the State. Of the rivers, the turbid Missouri is the first to greet the sunrise along the entire eastern border. The unique Platte, which rises in the Rockies of Colorado and Wyoming and empties into the Missouri at the town of Plattsmouth, is a two-story affair. It has two currents, one above the other, so that when the upper one has flowed itself away, the lower industriously works its passage through the quicksands below. The Elkhorn is a stream which obtained its name in classic days of Indian occupancy, when great herds of elk roamed on its rich and extensive pasture lands. The Big and Little Blue Rivers abound with landscape views as beautiful as one could wish to see; notably at Crete, where from the campus of Doane College the prospect matches that of the "Sweet Auburn" of Goldsmith. Near the southern borders are the Nebraska and Republican Rivers which make their way through natural parks of great beauty; while on the north the Niobrara and Keya Paha are chief in size and length.

SURFACE AND SOIL.

Rolling back from the river bluffs are undulations which shade off into vast reaches of fertile prairie consisting of the famous loess deposit, the geological description of which is as follows:

"This deposit is formed of such material as the valleys of the Rhine and the Danube afford. Though not particularly rich in organic remains, it is in some respects one of the most remarkable in the world. Its value for agricultural purposes is not exceeded anywhere. It prevails over at



least three fourths of the surface of Nebraska. It ranges in thickness from 5 to 150 feet. Some sections in Dakota County measure over 200 feet. Even at North Platte, 300 miles west of the Missouri, on the south side of the river, the thickness varies from 125 to 150 feet. The geologist compared many specimens taken 300 miles apart, and from various depths, and no difference could be detected by the eye, or by chemical analysis."

CLIMATE AND HEALTH.

The air is vital with life-preserving qualities. Malaria betakes itself to less-favored localities. But if perchance some hint of its presence appears, in due time a genuine blizzard, fresh from Arctic regions, sweeps down upon the unwelcome intruder, and bears it swiftly away into the cleansing brine of the Gulf of Mexico. But the visits of these storm-kings of winter are losing their frequency and power, for the horizon of Nebraska is becoming forest-bound by the rapidly multiplying groves of cotton-wood and poplar which are very effective as "wind-breaks." The sky is simply magnificent, expanded into a dome that seems as if built upon an unusually large circle. Out upon the ocean-like prairie, on a star-lit night, one is filled with a sense of God's omnipotence and closely surrounding presence.

PAST AND PRESENT.

Nebraska has a quite recently-discovered claim to historical importance which is very interesting. A circumstance upon which even kings have based their claims to exercise royal prerogatives places Nebraska in a pre-eminent position among her sister States. We refer to her *priority of discovery*. With becoming modesty we assert this fact. We can even catch the eye of New England and with steady gaze affirm our precedence over Cape Cod settlement and the beginnings of Boston itself.

Judge James W. Savage, Nebraska's accomplished historian, shall justify our seeming impertinence. He says: "We have reasons for believing that fourscore years before the Pilgrims landed on the venerable shores of Massachusetts; sixty-eight years before Hudson discovered the beautiful river which still bears his name; sixty-six years before John Smith, with his cockney colonists, sailed up a summer stream which they named after James the First, of England, and commenced the settlement of what was to be Virginia; twenty-three years before Shakespeare was born; when Queen Elizabeth was a little girl, and Charles the Fifth sat upon the united throne of Germany and Spain, Nebraska was discovered, the peculiarities of her soil and climate noted, and her inhabitants, animals, and productions described."

He refers to a discovery which, very briefly described, was as follows: "About the middle of the sixteenth century a Spanish explorer named *Coronado*, started northward from Mexico for the purpose of discovering

the reported country of Quivera, which was said to possess seven cities of fabulous wealth. In the spring of 1540, the expedition of Coronado, consisting of 300 Spaniards and 800 natives, set forth to find the land of untold wealth and beauty. After months of weary travel and disappointment Coronado and his few remaining followers set foot upon the soil of Nebraska, entering the State upon its southern boundary at a point probably located between Gage County on the East and Furnas County on the west."*

Nebraska was, as a State, admitted to the Union in 1864, having sustained territorial relations during the previous ten years. From 1864 to 1888 her population has increased from 57,000 to 1,000,000 souls.

Nearly 5,000 miles of railroad bind its length and breadth together. Its eastern half is quite fully occupied, and into all of the eighty-four counties, population is rapidly pouring. The following nationalities are prominently represented, viz.:—Americans, Bohemians, Canadians, Danes, English, Germans, German Russians, Irish, Poles, and Swedes.



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A SOD HOUSE, NEBRASKA.

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PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT.

Under the liberal provisions of government, all classes of people, including those of small means, are able to procure land for a home. But the expense of building in the ordinary manner is for most of the settlers too great. The alternative is to erect a sod house, a good representation of

* See *Transactions of the Nebraska State Historical Society*. Vol. 12. pp. 92-217.

which is found on page 323 of this magazine. The *modus operandi* is substantially as follows: A piece of low ground where the sod is thickest is turned over with a plow. The resulting strips of sod are cut into lengths of from two to three feet. The dimensions of the proposed house are marked out on the site, and the walls are built up by placing the sods so as to break joints. The door and window frames, made of the split portions of a tree or of plank or boards, are set up at proper intervals. A stout post made of the body of a tree obtained from the bank of some river is set in the center of each end wall, and, if the length of the building require, a post is set in its center. On these three posts a log is laid to support the roof. For rafters, smaller tree-bodies or stout branches or split stuff is rested on the center log and side walls. A thick layer of small tree-branches and prairie grass is laid on the rafters, and on this support the sod roof is built. The dry earth suffices for a floor; a half-size window or two admit light, and a rough board door keeps out the cold. Where means permit, the timber parts are of sawed stuff; the roof may be of boards or shingle; the door may be smoothly finished and the windows of full size. A sod house may also have plastered walls and a well-laid floor. Rooms are formed of sod or board partitions. As in costlier dwellings, the comfort and neatness depend upon the taste and ingenuity of the owner.

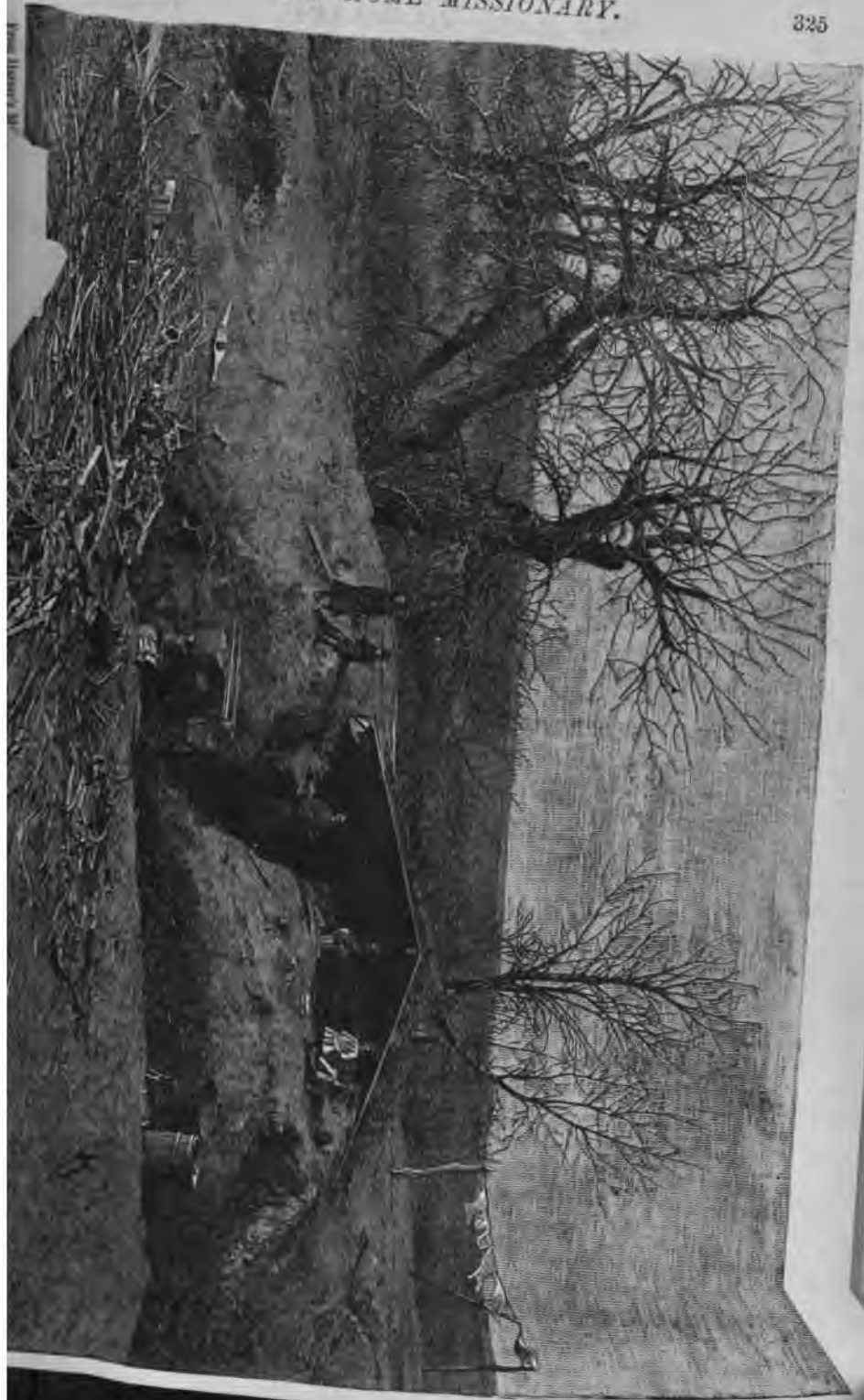
In some of these homes are evidences of culture and refinement brought from the more elaborate house in the East. Surviving pieces of fine furniture, beautiful bric-a-brac deftly distributed, a frugal table most tastefully spread, accompanied by a whole-souled welcome, prove that the better part of human lives survives the business failure or invalid health which has compelled this new beginning in life.

A still more firmly planted abode is the dug-out. The accompanying picture is an almost exact fac-simile of a very hospitable home in Red Willow County. Unlike this instance the roof is sometimes made of earth and sod on strong timber supports. Approaching from the rear, the first and only intimation of dwelling is a stove-pipe emerging from apparently solid earth. Our home missionary work is carried on in communities where every dwelling, the school-house, and the church are constructed on the principles and of the material of sod house architecture.

The railroad division town of McCook is significant to the through traveler, east or west, as the place where the iron horse is exchanged, and where, as at Lincoln, Holdrege, Red Cloud, and Oxford, one of the dining-rooms of the Burlington route affords the comfort of a home repast. At McCook our English and German churches are doing a good work.

CONGREGATIONAL HOME MISSIONS IN NEBRASKA.

Our work began in 1855, and has resulted in the organization of two hundred and three churches, of which about one hundred and sixty-eight survive. Of those which have ceased to exist, a good proportion ran well



their race before changes of population depleted them. The statistics of 1887 are the latest available, and report as follows:

Total number of churches, 168, of which forty-seven are self-supporting. The total membership is 6436. Our Sunday-school enrollment is 11,565, and their benevolent contributions were \$1,219.94. Contributions to the A. H. M. S. were \$4,610.14. Forty-three ministers and pastors of self-supporting churches; sixty-one labor as Home Missionaries; and six are engaged as general workers. Ninety-three churches last year reported six hundred and ten conversions.

As indicating the rapidity of our enlargement during the last three years, our churches at Omaha have increased from four to eight, with the ninth provisionally organized, and three missions in active work, one of which is Bohemian. During this period, nine houses of worship have been erected by these churches at an aggregate cost of \$130,000; also a tabernacle and two parsonages. Lincoln has built a house of worship costing \$30,000, organized the second church, and is building its house of worship costing \$9,000, and sustains a flourishing mission. Also at the cities of Fremont, Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney, and Beatrice good progress is making. Churches in the smaller towns, villages, and country are steadily pressing on.

This survey of surface conditions would be incomplete without referring to the unseen and deeper effect of divine truth upon human hearts. The real trophies of the work are souls redeemed unto God by the blood of Christ. Hearts made pure and suitable as a dwelling-place of the Spirit of Christ furnish the highest form of results to cheer and inspire the workers and the givers. To God be the praise and the glory forever!

AT THE FRONT.

I HAVE been reading lately in *The Home Missionary* about the hardships of some of our men in the West. I believe it is all true, and I believe that the worst is hardly known. This is my fifth winter of travel on the back of my pony, over the snow-drifts and through the wind. Imagine a man perched on the back of a pony while he travels a distance of eighteen miles, with the mercury at thirty-eight below zero, and you have a little picture of what is as real to a Dakota missionary as his own existence. I have made that number of miles every Sabbath but one during a whole winter; preached twice and took charge of Sunday-school besides. After holding evening service I have frequently ridden home, a distance of fourteen or fifteen miles, so that I have often been out till eleven, twelve, one, and three o'clock in the morning. Sometimes I get lost when out on the prairies after nightfall, but so far, by God's care, have come out all right, and am still willing, if called, to risk life *itself* in the work of the Master, and for the good of precious souls.

Some of these things are not pleasant to endure; but then we do have pleasant things in our lives. For instance, we received two fat turkeys from some of our people last winter; one for Christmas, and one for New Year. Another pleasant thing is that we are among very kind people. These we meet all over our field. It is pleasant to see how attentively they listen to the message from God's Word, but it would be a still greater pleasure to see them saved through that Word. We are working, praying, and waiting till the Spirit causeth the Word to take root, and spring up, and bear fruit. May God hasten the time!

Now a word about our house. We live in a rented house of one room, which is our dining-room, kitchen, sitting-room, parlor, and study. For this we pay \$60 a year. It is a very cold house, but our hearts are warm in the love of Christ.—*A Home Missionary.*

OREGON.

I HAVE made an effort to centralize an organization at Grass Valley because I think it will be the point chosen for the county seat of the new county that is soon to be cut off from Wasco. The people of Rose Bush say that they will unite in forming a church this spring. This county is almost destitute of gospel privileges. I preached last Sunday to a large and intelligent audience at Grass Valley *in which there was not one professing Christian*. There was much feeling and a deep interest shown by nearly all present. I hold occasional services at other places besides my regular preaching places. There is one point fourteen miles south of Grass Valley I have visited twice on week-days to organize Sunday-schools. They have a post-office, but no school-house; and *there has never been a sermon preached in the settlement*. At Antelope, thirty-five miles south of Grass Valley, there is *no preaching by anybody, no Sunday-school or religious service of any kind*, and yet it is a voting precinct with about eighty voters. The town has a post-office, two stores, three hotels, a blacksmith's shop, and, I am sorry to say, two saloons. If I could preach there once in a month, I think a church would soon be planted there.

This whole country is a beautiful, level prairie, rich soil, and very productive, and is just being settled. The oldest settlers have not been here more than four years, and they are but few, the large mass having come in the last year. Here at Grass Valley we have everything in readiness to build a house of worship, and there is a Sunday-school at each preaching-place. The people have done but little for me as yet, but I have no doubt they will do all they have agreed to do, and more, for they tell me they will; but I know their circumstances are such that they *can not do much now*.—*Rev. W. S. Runyan, Grass Valley, Oregon.*

WHY ORGANIZE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES IN MISSIONARY CHURCHES ?

[An extract from a paper read before the Yankton Association by Mrs. I. A. Shanton, Howard City, Dak.]

I MIGHT as well ask, Why organize classes in Greek and Latin to study the classics as to propound the one-sided question, "Why organize missionary societies in missionary churches?" The key-note of religious economy—"God helps those who help themselves,"—was struck in the East, centuries ago,—long before the darkness of heathendom was penetrated by rays of Gospel light from mission work—and has ever since been echoing and re-echoing down the ages, and the missionary church would not have an existence to-day, had it not been for the spirit of Christian philanthropy which arose, and, like a glistening star, was the guide through the unknown paths of church work.

The Home Missionary Society and the home missionary churches are mutually dependent; the one, the star, by whose bright light the churches are guided through the dense forests of disappointment, trial, and discouragement. The one without the other would wither and decay as does the flower when deprived of the warm sunshine from heaven.

Looking at it as a financial question, it is necessary that missionary societies be organized in home missionary churches, otherwise the Home Missionary Society would be left to the care of friends who are not so intimately connected with it as are those who have been recently helped, or are even now depending for life upon the parent society. The spirit of sympathy and charity is thus aroused in the souls of these dependent churches. The result is the contribution of many thousands of dollars, annually, without which the Home Missionary Society would have suffered. In 1886 Dakota reported 140 churches, with benevolent contributions amounting to \$5,153.79. I think it safe to say that three fourths of this amount was given directly to missionary causes. There are forty-four States and Territories that are being Christianized, to a greater or less degree, by the missionary societies of our churches. Were these to average with Dakota, the collections for missionary purposes would be about \$211,200, which is near one half the annual expenditure of the American Home Missionary Society. This sum finds its way into the treasury of the missionary societies through local societies.

Some churches plead too great poverty to allow them to have a missionary society; but a gift is not a gift of charity or philanthropy, if it be not a gift which will affect the giver; and Christ, who was a political economist as well as a Savior, taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Dr. Howard Crosby says: "Giving is worship. Every one, whether rich or poor, should give. The cent of the straitened is as *much as the dollar* of the rich. The poor man should no more omit

giving because of his poverty, than an illiterate man should omit praying because of his grammar. No Christian has a right to omit this from his worship."

From a religious standpoint, it is necessary that we materialize our missionary spirit by organizing missionary societies. God delights in a spirit of giving, but we need helps to systematic giving—and a medium through which to become intelligent givers. The blessings derived from giving will react not only upon the giver, but upon the whole church; and the church that gives most liberally will live in the closest communion with Him who values a "mite" given in his name.

A NATION'S OPPORTUNITY.

BY MRS. A. E. ARNOLD.

AN English lad, searching for sea-birds' eggs, fastened a rope to the top of a cliff, and, letting himself down hand over hand, swung himself into a deep cleft in the rock. Absorbed in his work, he did not see that each vibration of the swaying rope was carrying it farther away from him, and lessening his chances of regaining the top. Casually turning toward the sea, his eye took in the situation at once. He realized that the opportunity for him was the very next time the rope came by, and that even then he must jump for it. The knowledge that life depended upon his catching the rope, steadied nerve, and eye, and hand, and, springing from the rock just as the rope came slowly swinging by, he caught it, and was safe.

Never before were such glorious opportunities swinging by Christian America as to-day. Will she see them? Will she seize them? or will she permit them to swing far out of reach? The little word "now" never before had such significance when applied to Home Missions. "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation" for America. The tide of Christian affairs is at the flood: the church may, if she will, take it, and on to fortune.

We have opportunity to reach the heathen at our own doors, especially in our great cities. Even the most superficial observer of history may discern that God has two distinct methods of propagating the Gospel: first, by sending Christian people to heathen people; second, by sending heathen people to Christian people.

The second of these methods seems to be the one chosen of God as the best and quickest means of bringing large masses of unevangelized material into contact with a Christian civilization. Men and means were not forthcoming fast enough; the church did not appreciate her opportunity, or rise to her privilege in sending the Gospel to the heathen across the seas. So God turned the stream this way: and how it pours in upon us! A quarter of a million, half a million, three quarters of a million a

year, and still they come! You say they are not all heathen. No, thank God! But eliminate from these millions all the positively safe elements, and what are left? By far the larger half of the million, a half that is positively heathen, and positively unsafe. Some of us have been slow to believe this, and have yet to realize the force of the fact, and the national and Christian opportunity which it affords. Somehow these heathen, with white faces like our own, are not quite so attractive to us as the dusky-faced Orientals. The truth is, a heathen is a heathen, no matter where; and it makes no difference whether God sends him to us, or us to him, or whether he is here, or at the ends of the earth,—Christians are responsible for bringing the Gospel to him.

The tendency of the immigrant populations to congregate in communities by themselves, and in masses in our great cities, is at once the national danger and opportunity. . . . The danger is not only to the city, but to the State and the nation. These people seize on everything that works mischief. They welcome the gospel of Ingersoll, the greatest heathen of them all, because with a word he sweeps God out of existence, and with him all fear of retributive justice. They accept the vile and blasphemous mouthings of Most and Aveling, and the specious sophistries of Henry George. They publish them in their newspapers, and teach them to their children. Intoxicated by their newly-found freedom, with wits sharpened by contact with a people so generally educated and enlightened, they quickly become prime factors in the problems pressing for solution upon the loyal Christian citizens of our cities. Herein lies the opportunity. . . .

What other message can God be sending to this nation than this: Here are these souls. I have taken them from the over-crowded regions of Europe, and have massed them here in these great centers of population, that you, too, may mass your forces, and lend a hand to save them. It is for you, Christian men and women, to set good influence over against bad influence; to build the church beside the saloon; the mission chapel beside the gambling den; to plant the Sunday-school beside the Socialists' hall; to put a free Gospel in the place of free rum. The problem is a hard one, but there is no dodging the fact that the solution rests with the Church. There certainly is not missionary spirit enough outside the Church to take hold of this work, therefore the Church must do it, and continue to be, as it has been in the past, the police power of righteousness and good morals. It will take nerve, and grit, and grip, and grace to grapple with the opportunity placed at our very hands. . . .

The next opportunity before Christian America to-day is that of *deciding the social and religious character of thousands of new communities, especially in the newer West.* . . . Like the emigrant, *the true spirit of Home Missions is always on the move.* There is no such thing as standing still as long as this endless procession of home-seekers

is moving on. Home Missions must be up betimes, and on the alert. . .

Too often the work is thwarted by the very people who should be in sympathy with it—those most efficient stumbling-blocks—backslidden church-members. No class of people so hinder this work of deciding a new community for Christ as old church-members whose church letters repose peacefully in bureau drawers, while in their insane chase after more land and more money they are losing the last vestige of the piety they were supposed to have at the East. They are the worst enemies of the Home Missionary in his efforts to pre-empt the ground for Christ, and hang upon him like a dead weight.

The opportunity for deciding the future of the Great West must be taken now or never. Send the Home Missionary to the front at the very beginning. Pay him a living salary, and pay it promptly. Do not ask him, even for the Lord's sake, to accept a smaller salary than he can earn as a day-laborer, and then compel him to wait for it until he is ashamed to meet his grocer on the street, and the cause of religion is disgraced by his failure to pay his bills. Do not spread his wrongs abroad and appeal to the sympathy of the Christian public, until, with a loss of self-respect, he is made to appear before the world as an object of charity, instead of a man among men, the Lord's servant, and worthy of his hire. Do not ask him to take his young and tenderly-reared wife to live in a comfortless sod house or shack with the certainty of exposure of health and life. Do not ask him to walk over a parish, miles in extent, exposed to winds that sometimes freeze and sometimes burn, spending time and strength in walking that might be spent in preaching the Gospel if a means of conveyance were provided.

More money would enable the Home Missionary Society to do business on a cash basis, and stand before the world as a corporation conducting business on business principles. The hardest worked and poorest paid class of Christian workers on earth are our frontier missionaries. There is no romance in living or preaching in a shanty, or over a saloon or dance-house. There is no romance in barely keeping the wolf from the door on the pitiful salaries we consider sufficient for these noble men. They are the stuff heroes are made of. Oh, the shame of it! that we so poorly appreciate their toilsome service. . . .

The future of the nation is wrapped up in the future of these new communities. . . . The world is on wheels. Material for hundreds of new communities crosses the Missouri River every day. The opportunity is greater than nation ever had before. The possibilities of Christian achievement are only limited by the compass of the consecration of the church. As far as the religious future of the West is concerned, it is the high noon of opportunity, the "nick of time." Send the preacher and the teacher on to the ground; build the church and the Christian college; occupy the land in the name of Christ, and one

phase of the question as to what the future of America shall be, will be solved. . . .

The eye must be dim that cannot see the hand of God molding, planning, guiding all along the way, preparing America to be the great missionary field of the world. It is for this he is pouring in the flood-tide of immigration. The question is, will the Church accept the responsibility, and do the work? These are wonderful years. The results of our faithfulness or unfaithfulness are wide as the world. Prof. Phelps said, "If I were a missionary in China, I would pray every morning for America." If America is to continue to be the base of supplies for missionaries for heathen lands, the heathen at home must not be allowed to gain the majority. The success of Foreign Missions depends upon the success of Home Missions. A distinguished foreign missionary says, "The fate of the world is to be decided in America." Every Christian is responsible for doing all he can to send the Gospel everywhere, but he is responsible for evangelization of his own community, his own State, his own land as he is not for any other. No man can be a true lover of his country who loves not the cause of Home Missions. It appeals to the zeal, and patriotic pride, and true consecration of every loyal Christian. . . .

The children should be trained to be the workers, and prayers, and givers of the next generation. Let them be trained to build churches, and support schools here in the home-land. Let them be trained to have the same interest in Home that they now have in Foreign Missions. Let them be so educated that they will have hearts and minds and souls large enough to take in all the world, and early learn that true religion and true philanthropy belt the world with sympathies, prayers, and gifts. The future of Home Missions rests with the children of to-day, and only as they are trained to broad thinking and generous giving will the success of that future be assured. "Greater than the divinity that doth hedge about a king, is the righteousness that doth hedge about a righteous people."—*Extracts from Leaflet 59. Price two cents each.*

SOMETHING NEW IN MISSOURI.

A WHOLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BECOMES AUXILIARY TO THE A. H. M. S.

THE TABERNACLE SUNDAY-SCHOOL, of its own free will and accord, two weeks ago, resolved to organize itself into an auxiliary of the American Home Missionary Society. On the third Sabbath of each month a special collection is to be taken and forwarded to the Treasurer. Yesterday the little ones had \$7.13, which we remit to-day for the month of August. The superintendent gave the school a good talk on the needs and practical workings of the American Home Missionary Society. *The intention is to make the September collection a good one.* This

church, as you are aware, three years ago, with only thirty-five members, resolved to come to self-support. The membership is still weak, numerically, but the effort has proved successful, God has abundantly blessed us, and even the children are enthusiastically disposed, by their gifts, to express their appreciation to the Society to which they feel indebted for all that they are. A number of our scholars have been admitted to church fellowship, and our highest ambition now is to give them, with all the school, A THOROUGH PRACTICAL MISSIONARY EDUCATION. A church built of such material will be an active, aggressive, and efficient power for good in any community. Our Sunday-school will never forget some of the kind, sympathetic, and Christian letters read in their hearing from eastern ladies, at a time when the church was needy, discouraged, and almost in despair. Now, in turn, they propose to contribute to aid other churches in their struggles. Yes, as was remarked yesterday, the children have caught the spirit, and got hold of this fellowship idea of Congregationalism, as substantially shown in their plan for raising money for the American Home Missionary Society.

We received seven into church fellowship yesterday. Our church is progressing with unusual interest even in the midst of these midsummer days. Our large Tabernacle is well filled.

I have no time for vacation this summer. Two months ago we organized a mission school under the auspices of the Tabernacle superintendent, an old Massachusetts Congregationalist. It is two miles from the city and we shall have a church there shortly.

We often talk of the kindness of friends to us as a family, when we were so needy. They can never know how much they helped us just at that particular time.—*Rev. J. W. Johnson, Joplin, Mo.*

ONE IN CHRIST.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY.—IN other years you gladdened my heart as the months rolled along and you came to my post office box as regularly as time, with your encouraging reports, thrilling letters from devoted missionaries, and the columns of receipts which showed the interest taken in both the missionaries and the missions. I have many times had my soul stirred by reading in your pages the demand for men to go forth to save souls. How the missionary spirit has arisen at times, and I have resolved to go and preach Jesus. This when I was a school-boy and teacher alternately, and before I started forth to proclaim the "glad tidings."

Circumstances peculiar to western church-life placed me where I could not have a home in the church of my choice, and I entered into fellowship with the church of the United Brethren in Christ, and in this church was licensed to preach the glorious Gospel, and where I now endeavor to gather in the sheaves.

My heart still goes out in deep sympathy with the dear brothers whose names I see on the roll of the American Home Missionary Society, and these toilers have my earnest prayers that they may have many stars in their crowns.

I have just seen a copy of the last *Home Missionary*, and it rekindles the fellowship feeling toward the Congregational Church and her work, and my heart cries out "God bless these dear people, my brothers and sisters in the Lord, who are doing so much to bring the world to the feet of Jesus."—*Yours for Christ, C. E. Walker, Grey Eagle, Minn.*

A JEREMIAD TURNED INTO A DOXOLOGY.

BY REV. MORITZ E. EVERSZ, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GERMAN DEPARTMENT.

As to the German work, it is moving on, and I am most happy to report that the pledges made at Saratoga have been so far redeemed that the debts on the seminary at Crete have been canceled.

The proceeds of the remaining pledges will be applied to aid needy students for the German ministry. The annual meeting of the Board of Trust was very joyous and encouraging. The treasurer's Jeremiad had been turned into a psalm of praise and thanksgiving. The outlook for the new year is most encouraging.

Rev. J. Ramser, who taught so successfully in the seminary a year ago, was appointed its principal, and a committee appointed to secure an assistant. Now if some of our Nebraska churches would furnish a few of the students' rooms, every thing would be in readiness for the students who are applying for admission, one by one. A little more of such practical sympathy for our German work as was shown at Saratoga will surely put it on a firm basis.

A touching case of heroic but mistaken faith came to my knowledge recently. One of our German brethren had begun work in one of our larger western towns. The people whom he was gathering for Christ were new immigrants from Russia, day laborers, paying up the debt of their long journey. Of course they had little to give, and had not been trained to look after the wants of their minister. A grant had been secured from the American Home Missionary Society, but the time for a quarter's salary was not yet. He lived without comforts and on the plainest food, preparing it himself. But, save as he would, his little store of money disappeared. His last shovel of coal was also burned about the same time. What should he do? He told his heavenly Father about it, and tried to exercise faith that he would not let his servant starve. To go and tell his brother minister about it seemed to him to be a breach of faith. So he tried to wait and endure, eating a meal occasionally when invited by some of the people. The spring was backward and cold. For

hours he walked his floor in his overcoat to keep warm. Then he feared neighbors might see him and wonder at his conduct, so he walked the streets. Again and again he hunted cupboard and cellar over to find a crust of bread that he might have overlooked. At length, after living in this way for a week and feeling himself growing weaker and weaker, he opened his heart to a brother minister and was at once provided for. But the results of these privations are as yet uncertain, except these: a sadly depleted constitution and a nervousness which makes sleep difficult, and he is able to do only half work. And yet there are those who think our home missionaries are over-ready to call for aid. Does this look so?

OUR THANKSGIVING.

My plan began away back in October. I don't know why I should have been thinking of Thanksgiving so long before, except that the pattering leaves and bare trees seemed to be speaking of the close of another year, which had been so crowded with blessings. I thought how lavishly our Father in heaven had bestowed good gifts on us, his earthly children, and so, from thankfulness I think it must have been, I began while yet the golden-rods were in blossom, to look forward to Thanksgiving and to ponder how we might, on that day, really express our thanks to Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. I need not tell of the various stages in the growth and maturing of my plan, but will simply show what fruit it bore in the proceedings of that joyful day.

When at length we had finished dinner—"linked sweetness, long drawn out," as my younger brother, John, characteristically remarked—we all, as requested, withdrew into the sitting-room. The grandfather then said that, though most of us had been to the services in the church some had desired to express thankfulness for the special blessings we, as a family, had received; that, in the morning, the preacher had showed what reason we had to praise God for national blessings—civil liberty, religious toleration, educational advantages. "But," he continued, "we, as a family, have great reason for thankfulness, and let us, as a family, give expression to this feeling." After these few words, he opened the old leather-covered family Bible, and read the Thirty-fourth Psalm: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." "O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Then, with full hearts, we joined in his brief prayer.

And now came the more practical part. Into the hat which John passed around, each one put as many cents as he was years old. How the amount so taken should be devoted was to be decided afterward. The grandfather, according, he said, to the days of the years of his pilgrimage, gave in his three silver quarters; the baby, her single penny, which was more, John thought, than any of the others had given, as she was not

yet a year old. In her joy at giving so much, she miscalculated the distance of the hat, and sent its contents flying about the room; but the children after considerable scrambling, succeeded in picking up the scattered coins, and the hat was again on its way. The clinking pennies spoke of cheerful hearts, and soon all had given. To our joy there was found to be, as our thank-offering unto the Lord, five dollars and eighty-eight cents.

It was then asked that we express our preferences as to how the money should be employed, and that he whose proposition received the greatest number of votes should make up the even dollars. This was quickly done, for we each seemed to have some worthy cause at heart. One wished it to be applied towards paying those who are fighting for the cause of Christ in the new cities of the West; another, to Mr. Schauffler's work among the thousands of Bohemians in the city of Cleveland; another, to relieve the sufferings of the famine-stricken people of Central Turkey, and so to bring them under the influence of our Christian missionaries. Slips of paper were now distributed, upon which we voted. When these votes were counted, it was found that Home Missions had gained the day, and I gladly made up the six dollars. John declared it was from a feeling of revenge that they had so voted, that I, to whom the plan was to be charged, might have to pay this extra amount.

Then came "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and my plan had been carried out to the letter. Was it not a success?

10,000 PEOPLE WITHOUT A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

MOBAC COUNTY, California, is much larger than the State of Rhode Island. It is a county of mountains, hills, and valleys, and has been settled but a few years. Within a radius of thirty miles there are ten thousand inhabitants, and no house of worship but the one we are now building at Adin. Most of the people are poor. A few have gained wealth, but have no God but the world. In fact, the majority of the people are given to money-making and idolatry. Our hope at present is in our Sunday-school work, which is really quite promising. We have three schools, containing sixty scholars, and some of these young people are being led to Christ. Our little church is struggling, hoping, and praying for the dawn of day. We are only three months old, and we have so much to do and so few to do it! This field is white and ready for the harvest. If there is a field in the country that needs cultivating, it is this, and we believe that with earnest, persistent work, many sheaves may be gathered in for the Lord. We have a great variety of people, from those of refinement and culture, to the Ute Indian.—*Rev. E. D. Howells, Adin, California.*

Woman's Department.

MICHIGAN.

WE are in receipt of the Seventh Annual Report of this State Union. At the annual meeting held at Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, the President, Mrs. Lane, called the attention of the workers to the necessity of closer union in all lines of work, and reconsecration to the cause of missions. The Secretary, Mrs. Warren, urged the importance of free circulation of missionary literature. The Treasurer, Mrs. Grabill, reported the receipts for the year to have been \$4,785.47. One admirable feature of this meeting was a special session for the children. In fact, the Woman's Union of Michigan is accumulating an invaluable legacy for that State, and for our country as well, in the thorough missionary training of her children.

This Union proposes to raise \$5,750 this year. Of this sum the young people are invited to raise \$700, besides continuing their efforts for the North Star Mission Fund of \$2,000.

Mrs. A. S. Packard, Covert, was elected secretary of the Young People's Work, and Miss M. C. Mallory, Detroit, secretary of the Bureau of Information.

The following message from Mrs. Lane may be profitable to many a woman outside of Michigan: "To the women of our churches who have hitherto manifested little or no interest in this part of the Master's work, who, perhaps, have not thought of America as a part of 'all the world,' we commend the following from the Iowa Woman's Union: 'We affectionately urge the claims of Home Missions as of *paramount importance* and *immediate urgency*, and we recommend organization as the most effective agency through which to work. The strength of union, the stimulus of fellowship, the facilities for circulating missionary literature, from which to gain an intelligent understanding of the methods and needs of work; the sympathy arising from the oneness of aim, and the manifest blessing of God upon all our efforts in His name,—these are among the incentives that should lead us to action. *This part of our work for Christ needs the best effort of every Christian woman.*'"

WHAT THINK YE? WILL HE COME?

As we walked from the hotel to our place of meeting that beautiful morning, this verse was with me, "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." I felt that we were not going without His presence—that a great blessing awaited us. Our hearts were uplifted as we saw ladies hurrying from all directions toward the Presbyterian Church, so kindly

opened for our use. We were cordially welcomed by the pastor's wife and ladies of that church, as if our work were their very own.

A pleasant voice said, "I've been watching for you. I'm so glad the roses have opened for us earlier than in St. Louis," and as she pinned on us the most lovely flowers, her whole heart seemed thrown into her welcome. This was Mrs. Kimball. No wonder we were willing to let her read Mrs. Bronson's report; we knew she would put heart into it.

The church was filled with sunshine, bright spring flowers, and brighter faces, and at a word they gathered to the front—no scattering sheep in the back seats.

When, after the singing, our president read these words, "What think ye, That He will not come to the feast?" I almost spoke out in meeting;—my heart exclaimed, "Why! didn't you see Him? He came in with us." His own words, "Without me, ye can do nothing," gave us no sense of weakness; we were conscious of His living presence in our midst.

In the earnest prayer which followed, how can I tell you of that pause—for self-consecration?—each heart so suddenly left alone with CHRIST and the searcher of hearts. The stillness could almost be heard. Do you suppose, as we raised our heads, there was one unconsecrated heart in that room? I do not.

As I watched the eager interest, the ready speaking in discussion, the helpful suggestions given, the intelligent questions which our president seemed never to weary of answering; as I saw, after a two hours' meeting, the interest still so intense that little groups were talking earnestly not a few with tears in their eyes, of how they would work and pray when they reached home, each determined to arouse new interest in her own church;—my thoughts went back to the little handful of ladies gathered three years since in a private house in Ill., and I marveled that that little seed then planted could have so quickly borne such fruit,—a STATE SOCIETY well established, thirty-four auxiliaries, and a live, growing interest in Home Missions among the women of our churches. I realize, as never before, the wisdom of organization.—*Mrs. L. B. Ripley. St. Louis, Mo.—Extract from report of meeting at Carthage in May.*

OUR SUMMER BOARDER.

WE live in a quiet mountain village, quite away from the sound of the busy world. There are not more than three dozen houses in the place. When Mrs. Viewlover came here and wanted to board with us, John said he "didn't want no stuck-up city people in his house, slaving me to death!" but women see things sometimes that men don't, and I thought to myself, that a woman who come to my door with her arms full of every weed that grew on the side of the road for five miles down to where

she got off the cars, and stopped the team, so they said, every ten minutes to look at the "magnificent view" as she called it, wasn't going to trouble herself very much about our plain furniture and bare floors. I mentioned this to John, and he said he wouldn't make any more objections if I was satisfied. We rather wondered what she would do in this quiet place to amuse herself, but soon found out that her mind seemed to be pretty much occupied with two things. One was, the mountains; and the other thing that she was always talking about was the way every thing is going on, from bad to worse, in our country. I declare it made my blood run cold to hear her talk about the way those foreign people are pouring into New York, on their way west. When I shut my eyes at night, I could seem to see the procession, thousands upon thousands, on their way to take possession of our land. One day she was standing in the kitchen door looking at the mountains, while I was doing up the week's ironing and wondering what she was thinking about, when she suddenly exclaimed, "Oh, if they were only going to our grand West to set up CHRISTIAN HOMES like these on the mountains." "Do you mean the foreigners?" said I. "Yes," said she. "Don't you think," said I, "that some of them are Christians?" "Undoubtedly," said she, "but multitudes are not, and these few are not strong enough to start Sunday-schools and churches in the new places, and so, not hearing any preaching, they get more and more cold and indifferent, and after a time get over wanting these things. I am so sorry for them," she added, "they have so much to pull them down. They can't afford to hire a minister and have meetings—but," she cried, all of a sudden, "*the enemies of Christ* can afford to have a saloon, and a gambling den, and card-tables, and every vile influence to draw in the young people and drag them down to ruin."

She fairly frightened me she seemed so excited, and I said, under my breath, "Can't folks that have got a good church and Sunday-school and minister help these poor creatures out there that want them?"

Then she came across the kitchen floor as quick as a flash, and sat down right where I was ironing and said,

"Yes! they can! the only question is—WILL they?"

Then she looked straight at me, and said, "Will you?"

This was so sudden, that I came near dropping my flat-iron as I exclaimed, "*Me*?" "Yes," said she, "*You*."

"But I haven't any thing to give," I said, wishing with all my heart I *had*.

"Don't you think," she asked in a kind of quiet way, "you could give one cent every Sabbath morning to the Master to help win this dear land for him?"

"Why, of course I could do *that*, but I can't see how that would help."

"Suppose you get others to do the same, wouldn't that help some?"

Well, the long and short of it is, that we got up a little plan which we said nothing about to anybody but the superintendent of the Sunday-school. The next Sunday, he stopped the lessons a little earlier than usual, and said, "Mrs Viewlover," that is our boarder, you will remember, "has something to say to us."

In about a minute she was in front of the school with a bundle of something in her hand that looked like cards. While we were all looking at them she suddenly held one up, and, quicker than I can write it, out came a cute little paper box which she called a "mite-box." Then she told some of the stories she had told me about those people out West who had no Sunday-school, no church, no minister, and nobody even to say a prayer over the grave when anybody died, and asked would they each take a box, and keep it on the mantel-shelf or on the table, and put in one cent every Sunday morning for Home Missions? Then she looked kind of queer a moment and said, "I shall offer a box to every one. Please do not refuse it. If you don't want to put anything into it to help save our country, will you let it have a place somewhere in your home to remind you of what I have told you?" Then she asked those who would fall in with our plan to pray for our land every time they put in a penny.

Well, there were seventy-six people there that Sunday, counting in the men, women, and children, and every one of them took a box! That was a year ago, and now comes the best part of my story. Mrs. Viewlover liked us so well that she came back again this summer, and last week, when she heard I was going to have the "sociable" here, she said, "Why don't you make it a mite-box sociable and see how much money we've got for Home Missions?"

So the minister gave out the notice that they were *all* to come, the fathers, mothers, and all the children, and take supper together, and open the mite-boxes. This didn't come so hard on *me* as you would think, if you didn't know that at our sociables everybody brings something to eat. We spread it all on one table, and have a good time, without putting all the burden on the one who has the sociable.

Such a crowd as came that afternoon! Of course, everybody who had a mite-box wanted to come and see what was going to be done next. I had three tables set in my dining-room, which is about the largest in the place, and some smaller ones in the rooms opening out of it, and we all took our supper together. All the little tots had a table by themselves, and when Mrs. Viewlover put some candy and oranges on that table, the old folks said she was trying to bribe the children to love Home Missions by giving them candy! She didn't deny it, but said she hoped they would always have pleasant associations with this missionary meeting. And *then, for the first time, it came over us that we were having a MISSIONARY MEETING!*

When we had finished eating, Mrs. Viewlover stood up and asked us turn our chairs so as to see the end of the room where she had some pictures of sod houses, and log churches, and shanties to show what people went through out West to have the Gospel. Then she told some stories about them which made us ashamed of ourselves that we ever complained of anything in our comfortable homes. After this, she began ask questions about our country, and, to my surprise, answers began to come from all parts of the room, from big and little! I found afterwards that she had given these questions to different ones on slips of paper, so they could look up the answers beforehand. The answers brought out some pretty startling facts about our country, that we hadn't thought about. After the young people had answered the questions the older people got into a lively discussion over some questions she had given to them. One was "What do you think is our greatest national peril today?" Some thought 'twas rum, some the Romanists, some the Mormons, and one man, who has just been elected our representative, thought 'twas illegal voting. Then they discussed our "greatest national opportunity," and the foreigners, and why they come, and what we shall do with them. Then the ladies talked awhile about how to interest those who are not interested in home and foreign missions. We had quite lively discussions on all these subjects. Farmers don't *say* so much, but they *think* all the more, perhaps. At any rate, we got pretty much waked up over our country that evening, and Mrs. Viewlover said she got ever so many new ideas.

The last thing on the programme was, after all, the most exciting, and that was opening the mite-boxes. They had been faithfully kept, I can tell you. Almost all had fifty-two cents in them. Once in a while we found a dollar; but you never saw such a surprised company as we were when we counted up \$47 for Home Missions in these little mite-boxes. And all through giving one cent apiece every Sunday morning! Some of us remembered when they wanted to raise some money for Home Missions once, and collectors went all round and worked hard, and got just ten dollars and the minister gave five of that!

Some one proposed that we form ourselves into a society and have a name. As the fathers, mothers, and children all belonged, we couldn't call it a men's society, nor a woman's or children's society, so we decided to call ourselves THE HOMELAND CIRCLE.

Then the minister asked God to bless this new missionary circle, and help them to increase their gifts to Him during the year to come, and everybody went home with a determination to do his part in the work of saving our country for Christ.—Mrs. J. R. B.

Our Young People.

To the members of Congregational Sunday-schools who contribute towards the education of Bohemian missionaries.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:—Many of you know that the Bohemian Bible Readers' School in Cleveland, Ohio, has been greatly in need of a "Home"—a house where all the pupils could live together, and which should be the center for the work. I presume some of you who belong to Young People's Societies, have contributed towards building such a home, in answer to the appeal I sent last spring to you through your pastor, but money enough has not yet come to enable us to build. For a while we did not know but we should have to give up the school because we could find no place where the pupils could live. But when we were at our wits' end, our kind Heavenly Father did as He so often does, and surprised us by giving us just what we needed. We found that we could hire a nice and convenient house, very near to Bethlehem Church, which had become vacant. Although it was too small to enable us to carry out our plan of having a *family* in charge of the home, it was large enough to accommodate the school with a *single lady* as matron. At the same time Miss Mary A. Peck, of Oberlin, who has lived right here among the Bohemians for three years past, was secured as matron. She is deeply interested in the Bohemian missionary work, knows all the Bible-reader pupils, and will enter most heartily upon her new duties. The ladies of a number of Congregational churches in Cleveland and Wellington and Elyria, Ohio, are fitting up the Home, where the school is to commence next week. Till now I, alone, have had the responsibility for this school, but at my request the Cleveland Bohemian Mission Board—a regularly incorporated society, representing the Cleveland Congregational churches—has taken charge of it. Now the question is, *Will you give us money enough to go on training these young women for missionary work? I am sure you will.* That you may be better acquainted with them, I send you a picture of the pupils who were in the school last year, with a few words about each. (We do not yet know just how many may be in the school during the coming year.)

On the right hand of the picture as you look at it, the first seated figure is that of Miss Anna Belshan, the first Bible-reader I had the pleasure of putting into the field. She had been very worldly and careless, but yielded to the persuasion of some friends to come to our Bethlehem mission service and Sunday-school, when some word of truth so impressed her that on the way home she determined to give her heart to the Lord, and from that time she has been a most earnest and sincere Christian. Three years ago last January, before the school was opened, she began visiting families. After being in the work for a



while her health failed, largely in consequence of overwork before she began missionary labor, and she is still unable to do missionary work, though her whole heart and soul is in it.

The pupil standing behind Miss Belshan is Miss Marie Reitingen, who was converted in our "Home" in Bruenn, Moravia. The account of her conversion you will find in the A. H. M. S. leaflet No. 47, and something further about her in leaflet No. 44.

The next one, sitting, is Miss Marie Pipal, a Bohemian Protestant farmer's daughter from Muscoda, Wis., whom I found there last year, and who is now at home, where she has started a Sunday-school in the little Bohemian Protestant Church, which has been many years without a pastor. The next one, standing, is Miss Jennie Makovichka, the daughter of one of our oldest Bohemian Bethlehem Church members.

The next, standing, is Miss Josie Duba, aunt of Miss Pipal, whom I also found on the Wisconsin farm. She is engaged to Mr. Reitingen, brother of Miss Marie Reitingen. He expects to finish his studies in the Oberlin Slavic Department next June and then engage in missionary work for Bohemians.

The next, sitting, is Miss Hattie Calkin, the only American in the school, who, with her father and sister, commenced a Sunday-school for Bohemian children in Iowa City more than ten years ago. She is here learning Bohemian and studying the Bible in preparation for missionary work among the Bohemians in Iowa City.

The next, standing, is Miss Bozena Salava, of a Bohemian Protestant family that belongs to Rev. E. A. Adams' Bohemian mission congregation in Chicago.

The last, sitting, is Miss Anna Hodoush. Her story is in leaflet No. 44, 9th and 10th pages.

I could tell you many very nice things about all these Bible-reader pupils, about the sincerity and earnestness of their Christian character, their devotion to the work, their love for souls, and the skill and grace with which they overcome the prejudices and enmity of Catholics and infidels. But I think I shall do better to let one of them speak to you herself. Her letter will show you how important and promising is the work in which these young Bohemian sisters are engaged. The writer has been working as a Bible-reader for over a year past in a large city of the Northwest. For obvious reasons, I omit names, giving only fictitious initials. She says:

"I must tell you about one of our great infidel, a Bohemian named C., who was brought to Christ. He never before believed, but persecuted the churches by talking against them and God, also destroying, as I have been told, any religious reading, even Bibles. On Friday before Christmas a lady brought to our house a basket filled with bags of candy, for

me to give to those that had no part in our Christmas festival. I did so with all but two bags, which I saved for a family by the name of R. The infidel before mentioned, knowing them, offered to take them to his house, as they had no place to go, and no money. Now I had an excuse to go there with the candy. So Tuesday after Christmas, taking some apples and a few picture-cards, I started for the place where they live. I found both the families at home. They were very surprised to see me come on such a cold day. After talking with them a while, I gave those picture-cards around to the children (each family had three). As the C. children were next to me, I gave to them first; then I noticed Mr. C. look at me in such a surprise, and he said, 'My children, too, are getting presents, and they never go to your Sunday-school.' 'Yes,' said I, 'that is why I brought them.' It was the first kind of relaxing look he gave me since I came in, and for the first time he spoke kindly. Very soon I arose to go, leaving candy and apples on the table yet undone. As I said good night, Mr. C. called after me, 'You have left a parcel here.' I told him that it was left for them to divide among the children. Mr. R. went a little way with me and said, 'How I wish we had a house of our own, so we could speak more freely about religion, but you see C. is such an infidel he cannot bear to hear anything of Christ. He hates any one that does love Him. He says his hands are his God. If a minister were to come to his house he would turn him out.' I asked him whether he would come to prayer-meeting that night. 'No,' said he, 'as it is so far, and I am the only one to go up, and it is so lonely.' But I knew he was more afraid of C.'s laughing at him. After supper I started for church, and on entering I saw two men there sitting, and as they turned around and saw me they came to shake hands with me, and who were they but Mr. R. and Mr. C. You can hardly imagine my surprise. After the service, Mr. C. came up to me and asked if my father is there. I introduced him to all our family. He looked so happy and could hardly part from us and when he did so he shook hands with all. We asked him to come and see us, and he does come at least thrice a week; even Sunday he comes first to our house and then goes with us to church. I also found why he came to church in the first place. R. said that after I had left their place on that Tuesday evening Mrs. C. said, 'Father, go to church to-night and thank them for the presents the children got,' and he answered, 'Yes, Mother, I will go.' When asked if he liked it, he said, 'Yes, for they were so kind to me and shook hands with me, and it really was nice to see the brotherly love, for I have never seen it before, nor kindness, for those that said they were Christians cheated me.' R. and all his friends are most surprised, for they see how changed he is. R. said that while before he played cards, etc., now he prays and sings hymns and is so happy. He was very much touched when one cold night father offered to take to C.'s family some clothes for the children.

Father said he never saw anyone so surprised as Mr. C. and moved with such emotion. So you see how this soul was touched with such little kindness. If it had not been for those two bags of candy I might never have found a chance to speak to him. For I did go there last fall and asked them to come to church, and he not only did not come but burned the nice tract I left for them. Some time ago he visited N., where there are many Bohemian families, the majority infidels. He, knowing many of them, told them all about my work here, and when he returned asked me to go there as soon as possible, and talked to them that they will receive me kindly, as they know me through him. I did go, and they all greeted me very kindly, and now there is a way really made through Mr. C. so a minister can go there and preach the Word of God."

How much a bag of candy can do, given out of love to Christ! Since this letter was written, one of our young Bohemian preachers has been at N. and preached the Gospel there. Do pray for that place, and these two families and that faithful Bible-reader and the Bible-reader's School, and all that is being done to reach the Bohemians in America with the Gospel of Christ.—*Affectionately and truly your Friend, H. A. Schauffler.*

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THE EDUCATION SOCIETY AND HOME MISSIONS.

VERY fitly the American College and Education Society has a page in *The Home Missionary*, for this Society exists for the sake of missions.

Through The American Home Missionary Society, our churches send and sustain missionaries; through the American Education Society, our churches *train* missionaries. The local aid-funds of our colleges and seminaries are, and will be, like the local funds of our home missionary churches, so small, especially West, that the colleges and seminaries lean upon the Education Society as regularly and as necessarily as these churches lean upon the Home Missionary Society. Without the one we should lose our students, as without the other we should lose our missionaries.

The Education Society must help students *preparing* to be missionaries, as the Home Missionary Society must help them *after* preparing.

By Levitical law and by Christ's law, both have the right, as both have need. of support ; for both alike leave other business to give themselves fully to the Christian ministry,—“the sons of the prophets,” no less than the prophets. The unmarried student needs less support, but *no less needs it* than the married missionary. Indeed, the student quite as often as the missionary is so pinched for means as to injure his health and usefulness, and even to be driven from his work, though few hear of it. Of a recent theological class of seventeen, half dropped out, mostly for lack of means, said “one of the survivors” of this wreck. What then ? *Home Missionary churches lose their future pastors, or take them half-trained.* A half-starved, worried student, then a crippled and short-lived missionary ; yea, in one case, carried *fainting* from his ordination ! But a well-supported student sooner makes a *self-supporting* church.

Home missionary gifts *immediately* preach the Gospel ; Education Society gifts preach years later. One feeds the dairy herd *now, producing* the sincere milk of the Word : the other nourishes and *produces the best “milkers.”* One runs a flour mill, producing a heavenly bread ; the other *builds* such mills. *Both are indispensable.*

We cannot carry on missions unless we train up missionaries. First *ministers*, then churches, nine tenths of which are organized by ministers, while all need them. *Every* church, therefore, should both sustain Home Missions, and *find and help train up missionaries.* Churches that have received aid from the A. H. M. S. are, therefore, *the more* bound to support it. The A. C. & E. S. has helped to prepare one or more pastors of *most of our 4,404 churches.* Thence comes an obligation, unpledged, but no less real.

But few missionaries would be supported if the churches should ignore the Home Missionary Society and should work *independently.* A general organization must combine scattered forces, rouse the churches, and with wide grasp push the work. Without the stimulus of this national movement, thousands of churches now helping would do nothing.

Precisely so in the training of ministers. A few strong churches may independently help a few students personally known to them. But they ignore the majority, who come from *country churches unable* alone to sustain them, but whose gifts, gathered by the Education Society and *combined* with those of larger churches, would aid *all* our students as far as needful.

Let all the large churches, therefore, stand by their National Education Society, that, thus encouraged, it may go on to inform and to stir *all* the churches, gather also thousands of smaller gifts otherwise lost, and out of seventy years' experience plan, with best economy, the greatest possible success in adding laborers to the Lord's harvest.

Appointments in September, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Armstrong, Charles N., Appleton, Minn.
Blackwell, William, Rhineland, Wis.
Burgess, William, Newaygo, Mich.
Clemmer, Ephraim B., Downs, Kan.
Drahms, Augustus, Los Guillos, Cal.
Edmunds, John S., Grand Haven, Mich.
Emerson, Nicholas, Dial, Kan.
Gilbirg, John F., Fresno, Cal.
Harwood, James H., D.D., Evangelist in Cal.
Hobart, Miss Ella, Cleveland, O.
Kyllingstad, John, Miss's work among the Scandinavians in Minn., Dak., and Wis.
Lorin, Miss Augusta, New York City, N. Y.
McDaniel, Simon C., Atlanta, Ga.
Munro, John J., Moriah, N. Y.
Myhren, Ole H., Brookville, Chetek, Rice Lake, Sand Lake, and Hayward, Wis.
Nobis, Louis B., New Ulm, Minn.
Price, Thomas M., Wayzata, Minn.
Samuelson, P. M., Warren, Minn.

Re-commissioned.

Bicknell, Dennis H., Houghton, Wash. Ter.
Bradstreet, Albert E., Lexington, Mich.
Chavez, Ezekiel C., Cuernera, New Mex.
Cook, Charles H., Auburn, Cal.
Corwin, Charles L., Park City, Utah.
Countermine, John D., Albany, N. Y.
Derrick, Columbus, Hillsboro, Hillside, and Gaston, Or.
Doyle, Amos A., Goodland, Kan.
Edwards, Stephen, Georgetown, New Mex.
Ember, John H., Doniphan and Trumbull, Neb.

Falk, Peter J., Hastings, Neb.
Fish, Dana, Wilmington, N. Y.
Fisk, Perrin B., Altamonte and Lake Brantley, Fla.
George, Norton R., Hill City, Kan.
Harlow, Lincoln, Ellington, N. Y.
Heckendorn, George M., Tomahawk, Wis.
Herrick, Henry M., Winona, Minn.
Hodder, A. W. H., Henrietta, N. Y.
Howard, John F., Chenango Forks, N. Y.
Jones, Henry W., Vacaville, Cal.
Jones, William H., Stratting, Penn.
McCuna, Drummond, Fairmont, Cal.
Magnus, Daniel, Miss's work among the Swedes in Minn.
Marsh, George, Honey Creek and Kahoka, Mo.
Mason, Lewis T., Lockeford, Cal.
Mather, Wallace E., Paris, N. Y.
Minnis, Thomas W., Wichita, Kan.
Morgan, David W., Detroit and Lake View, Minn.
Peters, William J., Bountiful, Centerville, and Farmington, Utah.
Phillips, Charles H., Cummings, No. Dak.
Pinch, Pearce, Newton, Kan.
Read, Eugene B., Montrose, Colo.
Roberts, Edward, Siloam and Fairview, N. Y.
Roberts, John B., Chippewa Lake and Rodney, Mich.
Runyan, William S., Grass Valley, Or.
Singer, Edwin J., Ritzville and Pasco, Wash. Ter.
Smith, Henry H., Mattawan, Mich.
Spaver, Daniel, Forest Grove, Or.
Trimble, George W., Lincoln and Gold Hill, Cal.
Warner, William J., Clear Lake, Wis.
Wickoff, Harry H., Sonoma, Cal.
Wolfe, Joseph, Whatcom, Wash. Ter.

Receipts in September, 1888.

MAINE—\$65.47.

Auburn, H. W. Perkins, \$10 00
Dennyville, Young Ladies' Mission Circle, by Miss L. C. Vose, 10 00
Gorham, First Ch., by J. S. Leavitt, Jr., 15 47
North Yarmouth, Y.P.S.C.E., by Grace N. Lufkin, special, 5 00
Portland, W. W. Mitchell, 25 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$1,499.54; of which Legacies, \$1,050.

Amherst, E. D. Boylston, to const. Mrs. H. B. Rotch and Mrs. E. P. Locke L. Ms., 100 00
L. F. B., 150 00
Bennington, Legacy of Rev. J. Holmes, by J. M. Barnes, Ex., 50 00
Canterbury, Mrs. M. A. Glince, 3 00
Croydon, Mrs. Morse, by H. A. Frederick, 50
East Derry, First, by G. C. Morrison, 18 54
Haverhill, by P. W. Kimball, 30 50
London, J. S. Pike, 20 00
Manchester, C. B. Southworth, 25 00
Nashua, Legacy of Miss Lucy W. Blunt, by E. O. Hunt, Ex., 1,000 00
Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler, 10 00

VERMONT—\$63.60.

Vermont Woman's H. M. Union, special, \$25 00
Bennington Center, First Cong. S. S., by Mary A. Harwood, 20 00
Castleton, A Friend, by Rev. L. A. Barrett, 5 00
Essex, Mrs. S. C. Butler, 2 00
North Troy, Cong. S. S., by C. M. Bailey, 0 10
Randolph, The Mountain S. S., by Mrs. H. S. Caswell, 1 50
Vergennes, A Friend, 1 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$6,738.43.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc. by Rev. E. H. Palmer, 500 00
For work among Foreigners in the West, 4,300 00
Amesbury, Union Evan. Ch., by E. A. Goodwin, 19 45
Andover, South Ch. by J. E. Merrick, 7 00
Young Men's Miss. Assoc., by Rev. J. A. Rawson, 10 00
Ashburnham, A Friend, 1 10
Braintree, Friend, for Mo. Felt Fund, 5 00
Chesterfield, by Rev. E. Lewis, 7 00

ARKANSAS—\$3.00.

Rogers, by Rev. J. G. Bailey..... \$5 00

FLORIDA—\$3.00.

Altamonte and Lake Brantley, by Rev. P. B. Fisk..... 8 10
Kerr City, and Norwalk, by Rev. B. T. Stafford..... 2 50

OHIO—\$429.62.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
Cleveland, Madison Avenue Ch..... \$18 76
First Ch., Dew Drop Mission Band..... 5 00
Newton Falls..... 8 76
Sherodsville..... 5 00
Strongsville, by R. Gibbons..... 10 00
Unionville, A. S. Hardy, special..... 5 00
Received in August, by S. P. Churchill, Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:
Cleveland, Jennings Avenue Ch..... \$10 00
Madison Avenue Ch..... 28 00
Ridgeville, S. S..... 2 00
Steubenville, S. S..... 3 00

By Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. O. W. H. U.:
Burton, by Miss Ann C. Hitchcock..... \$5 00
Medina, L. B. S..... 25 00
North Bloomfield, W. M. S. Oberlin, Second Ch., Ladies' Soc..... 20 00
West Williamsfield, L. M. S..... 5 00

Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
Atwater, S. M. S. Aux..... \$22 25
Columbus, Eastwood Ch., Mrs. P. L. A..... 10 00
Plain, W. M. S..... 5 00
Cleveland, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch..... 2 50
Madison, W. H. M. S..... 25 34
Rootstown, L. H. M. S..... 6 09
Toledo, W. M. U. of Central Ch..... 4 00
Ashtabula, by Rev. J. B. Davison..... 5 50
Cleveland, Mrs. A. Scott..... 50 00
Lyme, by M. Wood..... 43 43
Oberlin, Second, by E. Regal..... 70 56
Rootstown, W. J. Dickinson..... 10 00
West Austintown, by Rev. J. J. Jenkins..... 10 34

INDIANA—\$6.25.

Fremont, Woman's H. M. U., by Rev. E. D. Curtis..... 2 50
Jamestown, by Rev. T. R. Ezerton..... 1 75
Terre Haute, Mrs. Mary H. Ross..... 2 00

ILLINOIS—\$1.00.

Clinton, Dr. F. T. King..... 1 00

MISSOURI—\$28.18.

Brookfield, by A. M. Eastman..... 14 50
Eldon, by Rev. J. Vetter..... 1 50
Joplin, by Rev. F. B. Doe..... 7 13
Windsor, by Rev. F. W. Hullinger..... 5 00

MICHIGAN—\$498.97.

Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. U.:
Allegan..... \$18 50
Bangor..... 5 00
Blackmar..... 64
Cooper, Mite Boxes..... 2 00
East Saginaw..... 25 43
Galesburg..... 10 00
Grand Junction, Mother and Daughter..... 1 43
Grand Ledge, Mite Boxes..... 9 68
Greenville..... 21 23
Kalamazoo..... 37 00
Union City, Mrs. Emma Wemple..... 20 00

North Star Mission:
Baby Wynnie Mavis Burgess..... \$ 10
Calumet, S. S., add'l..... 1 50
Detroit, Mt. Hope S. S..... 9 03
Douglas, Y. P. S. C. E..... 2 10
Grand Ledge, North Star Mission Band..... 2 60
Michigan Center, S. S..... 5 50
Pentwater, S. S..... 3 25
Sault Ste. Marie, S. S..... 5 00

Received by Rev. C. F. Van Auker:
Ashley..... \$2 06
Fayette..... 5 00
Garden..... 2 73
Nahma..... 3 22
Pine Grove..... 4 17
Rapid River..... 7 47
Rosedale..... 16 00

Michigan Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. R. Lewis:
Baldwin, by Rev. D. L. Baldwin..... 8 16
Banks and Eastport, by Rev. P. F. McClelland..... 5 13
Benzonia and Gilmore, by Rev. O. B. Waters..... 2 26
Chase, by Rev. J. Nicol..... 2 31
Coral, by Rev. G. P. Moore..... 10 28
Columbus, by Rev. W. I. Hunt..... 10 70
Dundee, by Rev. C. W. Carrick..... 10 60
East Lake, by Rev. W. Excell..... 10 60
Flint, by C. H. Conover..... 2 57
Fremont, by Rev. A. J. Covell..... 2 73
Grand Blanc, by Rev. A. Foebert..... 2 70
Kates Bay, Sac Bay, and Rapid River, by Rev. J. W. Miller..... 62
Minden City and White Rock, by Rev. J. M. Warren..... 50
Muskegon, by E. J. Smith..... 5 15
New Baltimore, by Rev. E. Herbert..... 10 00
Northport, A Friend, special..... 10 00
Pleasanton, by Rev. J. D. Millard..... 10 00
Royal Oak, by Rev. P. Barker..... 10 10
Vestaburg, by Rev. H. H. Bement..... 10 07
Williamston, by Rev. H. H. Parker.....

WISCONSIN—\$26.35.

Beloit, Mrs. C. M. Nelson, for Mo. Pelt Fund..... 60
Marquette, by Rev. A. H. Nelson..... 60
Peshtigo, by Rev. H. W. Tuttle..... 35

MINNESOTA—\$3,969.35.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:
Alexandria..... \$10 00
Anoka..... 10 00
Brainerd, Second Ch..... 1 50
Fairmont..... 9 20
Fergus Falls..... 10 00
Gen'l Assoc. at Owatonna..... 4 22
Groveland..... 23 25

Hawley, Union Ch.....	\$4 61
Mazeppa.....	4 48
Medford.....	20 00
Minneapolis, First Ch.....	400 00
Lyndale Ch.....	34 00
Plymouth, \$10; by H. B. Hindson, \$21.50.....	46 50
Miss M. Paddock, \$5; D. C. Bell, \$100; Mrs. H. E. Badger, \$7.75.....	112 75
Union Ch., \$37.72; W. M. S., \$14.70.....	72 42
Children's Band.....	2 50
Edina Mills, S. S.....	3 00
Mrs. S. C. Gale, \$50; C. M. Cushman, \$20.....	80 00
Monticello, by Rev. D. C. Reid.....	17 50
Northfield.....	88 45
Owatonna.....	11 32
Plainview.....	12 21
Plymouth, St. Paul.....	63 93
St. Paul, Pacific.....	145 00
W. J. Dyer, \$100; W. H. Howard, \$75; C. W. Hackett, to const. Mrs. Carrie Pond L. M., \$100.....	275 00
Sauk Center.....	23 00
Spring Valley, \$18.50; S. S., \$10.36.....	28 86
Tyler.....	4 00
Winona, First.....	381 33
Rev. F. N. Walcott, special.....	180 00
Collected by John Frucha.....	102 55
\$2,181 05	
By Mrs. J. N. Cross, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Soc.:.....	
Alexandria, \$23; Y. L. M. S., \$10.....	33 00
Austin.....	30 68
Benson.....	21 08
Brainerd, S. S. class.....	10 00
Cannon Falls.....	9 00
S. S., of which \$5 for Bohemian Fund.....	10 00
Mrs. Scriver.....	5 00
Clearwater.....	4 00
W. M. S. and S.S.....	24 24
Cottage Grove.....	10 00
Crookston.....	7 50
Elk River.....	8 00
Excelsior.....	15 77
Faribault, Ladies of Ch., to const. Mrs. G. Weston and Mrs. Anna Vosberg L. M., Y. L. M. S.....	107 76
Fergus Falls.....	5 60
Glencoe.....	13 13
Grand Meadow.....	10 25
Groveland.....	2 10
Hamilton.....	10 00
Hawley.....	6 00
Janesville.....	5 00
Lake Benton.....	6 50
Little Falls.....	15 00
Lyle.....	4 50
Mankato.....	20 32
Marshall.....	7 50
Marshallfield.....	180 00
Two Friends.....	0 00
Mazeppa.....	6 05
Medford.....	2 25
Minneapolis, Fifth Avenue.....	12 45
Pilgrim.....	20 00
Silver Lake.....	6 50
East Side Flats, special.....	5 00
Open Door.....	9 20
First Ch.....	33 00
Second.....	15 00
Second, Ladies, by Mrs. Wyman Elliott.....	56 00
Como Avenue, special.....	18 15
People's Ch.....	5 00
Plymouth, \$28; Mrs. C. A. J. Marsh, \$3; Mrs. E. S.	

Cushman, \$10; Mrs. R. D. Russell, \$5; to const. Miss E. Montgomery, Miss A. L. Brewer, Miss A. Wetherbee, and Mrs. R. O. Bristol L. M.....	\$108 00
Mrs. H. L. Chase, \$5; C. Pillsbury, \$50; Mrs. Baternan, 50c.....	55 50
Monticello.....	7 00
Morris.....	10 50
S. S.....	12 50
New Richland.....	5 00
New Ulm.....	6 73
Ortonville.....	2 50
Owatonna, Merry Hearts.....	8 50
Paynesville.....	5 00
Pelican Rapids.....	10 00
Plainview.....	5 76
Rochester, Y. L. M. S.....	48 54
Rose Creek.....	12 50
St. Anthony Park.....	45 00
St. Charles.....	3 50
St. Cloud.....	20 00
St. Paul, Plymouth, of which \$50, special.....	101 00
Y. L. M. S.....	1 15
Park.....	10 00
Pacific.....	8 25
Pacific Sunbeam Band.....	9 17
St. Paul, Mrs. W. H. Howard, \$25; Mrs. G. M. Gage, \$5; Misses Ida and Lotta Davenport, \$2; Mrs. Middleton, \$5; Miss Hammond, \$5.....	42 00
Sauk Center, of which \$85, special.....	61 54
Springfield.....	1 00
S. S.....	50
Spring Valley.....	4 10
Stewartville.....	1 50
Wabasha, Ladies.....	5 00
Wadena.....	10 65
Waseca, Missionary Quilt, by Mrs. Claghorn's class.....	20 17
W. M. S.....	13 75
Waterville.....	6 00
West Union.....	
Winona, W. H. M. S. of which \$30, from Mrs. Hubbard and Friend.....	116 00
Mrs. Thos. Wilson, \$50; Mrs. W. H. Laird, \$50; Mrs. Henry Stevens, \$50.....	150 00
Mrs. R. Herriek.....	3 65
Worthington.....	5 00
\$1,714 89	
3,895 94	
Bethesda, Salem, and Willmar, by Rev. N. I. Nelson.....	2 60
Cable and Sauk Rapids, by Rev. P. S. Smith.....	11 10
Cannon Falls and Spring Garden, by Rev. A. P. Nelson.....	5 35
Fertile and Mentor, by Rev. Rev. W. W. McArthur.....	5 00
Mankato, Belgrade Union S. S., by D. Steele.....	3 00
Merriam Park, by Rev. H. Macy.....	12 00
Minneapolis, by Rev. S. W. Dickinson, by Rev. K. F. Norris.....	5 56
Sleepy Eye, by Rev. S. M. McNeill.....	4 00
Stephen, by Rev. W. Steele.....	5 36
Wabasha, Y. P. S. C. E., by C. H. Johnson.....	1 00
Wayzata, by Rev. T. M. Price.....	10 04
8 00	

KANSAS—\$17 37.

Bird City and Celia, by Rev. L. A. Smith.....	2 50
Center Ridge, and Scatter Creek, by Rev. J. Wilde.....	2 37

Cheney, Jewett, and Rago, by Rev. R. B. Foster.....	\$2 23
Gritzland and Rotaw, by Rev. D. H. Mirrick.....	2 60
Savery and Western Park, by Rev. J. Cooper.....	6 10

NEBRASKA—\$231.51.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Geneva, by S. B. Burton.....	\$5 00
Shickley, by Wesley Beeson.....	2 05
Strang, by M. Cansey.....	1 45

\$8 50

By Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Clark.....	\$10 00
Columbus.....	12 00
Crest.....	2 50
Exeter.....	20 20
Mission Band, \$1.80:	
Young Ladies, \$5.....	6 80
Hastings.....	10 00
Kearney.....	14 50
Lincoln, First.....	4 50
Monroe.....	2 00
Omaha, First.....	25 00
Sunny View.....	1 25
South Bend.....	2 50
Syracuse.....	10 00
Trumbull.....	2 70
Waverly.....	7 00
West Hamilton.....	2 00

\$132 95

141 45

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Hastings, by Mrs. W. Walters, for Lamp-lighters, \$20.	
[Erroneously acknowledged in March.]	

Received by Rev. J. E. Taylor:

Cambridge.....	\$6 51
Hastings.....	16 00
Red Cloud.....	20 00

12 51

Doniphan and Trumbull, by Rev. J. H. Embree.....	5 00
Grand Island, by Rev. D. W. Comstock.....	5 00
New Hope and Stockholm, by Rev. G. Scherrie.....	1 00
Omaha, by Rev. M. L. Holt.....	13 25
Ravena, by Rev. R. M. Travers.....	3 05
South Bend, by Rev. S. C. Denn.....	10 00
Spring Creek, by Rev. P. Weidman.....	2 25
Springview, by Rev. J. G. Power.....	10 00

NORTH DAKOTA—\$82.17.

Received by Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Cooperstown.....	\$11 28
Fargo.....	12 30
Ladies' Miss. Soc. for Salary Fund.....	10 00

33 58

Cando, Dawson, and Jamestown, by Rev. J. W. Gunn.....	13 50
Erie, Rev. L. Reed.....	5 00
Walhpton, Coll. No. Dak. Gen. Assoc., by Rev. H. A. Schaeffler, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	30 09

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$177.83.

Received by Mrs. Sue Field, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Alexander.....	2 50
Armour.....	2 00
Faulkton.....	5 00
Young Helpers.....	2 35
Frankfort.....	5 10
Higmore.....	3 98

Huron.....	\$7 20
Lake Preston.....	6 25
"King's Messengers".....	1 50
Letcher.....	4 50
Millbank.....	11 50
Myron.....	3 00
Hedfield.....	6 50
Volga.....	4 57
Yankton, A Thank-offering.....	5 42

\$51 08

Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger.....	3 17
Crow Lake, by Rev. H. G. Cooley.....	10 00
Custer City, by Rev. H. Gross.....	2 60
Emery, by Rev. C. D. Gearhart.....	7 00
Faulkton, Ch., \$8.75; Y. P. S. C. E., \$11.25, by Rev. C. Douglas.....	20 00
Hillsview and Hosmer, by Rev. C. W. Holden.....	5 00
Letcher, and Firesteel, by Rev. L. E. Camfield.....	10 00
Mitchell, by Rev. C. W. Warrschmidt.....	6 67
Onida, by Rev. J. A. Mockel.....	12 50
Redfield, Rev. D. R. Tomlin, Thank offering.....	25 00
Valley Springs, V. S. M. S., by Mrs. R. J. Cook.....	4 81

COLORADO—\$7.03

Denver, by Rev. A. W. Coffman.....	1 00
Hyde and Otis, by Rev. G. Dungau.....	6 00

MONTANA—\$12.50.

Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler.....	10 00
Montana, A Friend.....	2 50

UTAH—\$4.15.

Phillips Ch., by Mrs. Clara A. House.....	4 15
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CALIFORNIA—\$109.80.

Received by Rev. J. H. Warren, D. D.:	
Forest Grove.....	\$10 00
Stockton.....	21 00
Compton, by Rev. H. Jones.....	10 00
Murphy's, by Rev. J. C. Doward.....	10 00
Oakland, by Rev. W. H. Cooke.....	5 00
Riverside, Ch., by Rev. T. C. Hunt, special.....	23 00
San Diego, Cong. S. S., by W. S. Fletcher, through Rev. A. B. White.....	2 50
Vacaville, by Rev. H. W. Jones.....	5 00
San Jose, First, by E. E. Worcester.....	22 80

OREGON—\$21.02.

Received by G. H. Atkinson, D. D.:	
Beaver Creek, Welsh Ch.....	\$1 73
Corvallis, by Mrs. H. P. Fischer.....	5 00
Mt. Zion, by Rev. E. P. Rogers.....	1 12
Gaston, Hillside, and Hillsboro, by Rev. C. Derrick.....	7 87
Pendleton, by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	5 00
	8 15

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$68.41.

Washington Ter., Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. T. W. Walters.....	\$19 15
Atahman, by Rev. F. McConoughy.....	21 10
Ellensburg, by Rev. R. G. Hawn.....	3 50
Endicott and Farmington, by Rev. F. V. Hoyt.....	8 81
Fullman and Union Flat, by Rev. J. Davies.....	2 50
Senahmoo and West Ferndale, by Rev. G. Baker.....	3 35
Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards.....	3 00

W. B. Morse and F. J. Johnson	\$3 00
W. B. Morse	144 40
TOTAL	\$16,027.47

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Center, N. Y., by Mrs. J. H. H. Ch., by Mrs. J. H. H. Ch., by Mrs.	\$70 70
Line, barrel	50 00

HIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*New Hampshire Home Missionary
August 1 to Sept. 30, 1888, L. D.*

d Soc., for A. H. M. S.	\$11 46
r, \$7.55, North, \$6.45	14 00
nd, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
nd Soc.	31 50
	15 00
	4 51
alls	3 00
	18 00
H. M. S., \$92.10	117 60
	3 20
	30 00
	8 28
	5 00
M. E. Kidder	10 00
	16 67
	5 25
L. M. S., \$50	75 00
	15 50
A. H. M. S., \$50; to con- sman Cogswell a L. M.	60 15
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	\$464 12

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Massachusetts Home Missionary
Member. REV. EDWIN D. PALMER,*

Amphrey	\$37 55
Aug. Alvord	8 78
Mrs. John, by Geo. W.	10 00
ould, for A. H. M. S.	175 00
Hayward	5 70
t, by Rev. J. K. Aldrich	15 00
t, by Henry Woodbury	162 16
own, Winthrop, by Geo.	150 28
se R. J., for Bohemian	25 00
Con. Coll., by Albert	8 29
P. for nine L. Ms. of	1,000 00
by A. B. Keith	32 50
th Avenue, by P. Hub	228 00
Pilgrim, Mon. Con. Of	35 13
I. Holbrook	37 63
rian, by Thomas Todd	29 00
ines M. Swallow	3 94
Mon. Con. Coll., by H.	5 00
Mary E., by Rev. J. M.	
Association by Chas	
rd	\$24 10
East	5 00
	36 70

Harwich, Brooks, Miss Tamesin, Thank- offering	\$10 00
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittredge	14 28
Hyde Park, First, by J. Ellery Piper	31 29
Kingston, Mayflower, by Zenae Cro- well, for A. H. M. S.	35 00
Lawrence, South, by J. Y. Buzzell, for French Prot. Coll.	10 41
Lexington, Hancock, by W. W. Baker	50 00
Malden, Merrill, Miss Helen H.	3 60
Middleton, by Clinton P. Stiles	26 29
Milford, Underwood, Alvan G., Estate of, by Orlando and A. J. Sumner, Ex- ecutors	1,000 09
Millbury, First, by O. H. Waters	40 56
Second, by Ira N. Goddard to const., Wm. H. Lincoln and Richard T. Buck	
L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	118 17
Milton, First Evangelical, Two Friends	10 00
Mount Washington, by Rev. L. Jones, Gen'l Miss'y, surplus	73 44
New Boston, by L. A. Weiden	9 00
Norfolk Conf., by C. W. Carter, Treas.	57 00
Oakham, by Jesse Allen	9 09
Phillipston, by Walter White	13 28
Quincy, Evan., by J. S. Baxter	15 00
Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson	25 00
Salem, Crombie St., by Oliver Thayer	102 00
Saugus, First, by Rev. E. G. Smith	21 00
Stockbridge, West, Center, by Rev. Aug. Alvord	2 85
Sunderland, by N. A. Smith, to consti- tute ——— L. Ms.	89 43
Swampscott, First, by Geo. E. Gilbert, for A. H. M. S., L. M. to be named	50 00
Taunton, Trin., by Geo. M. Woodward, to const. five L. Ms.	177 79
Townsend, by J. M. Bontelle	50 00
Walpole, Orthodox, by Frederic Guild	80 25
Warren, by J. A. Manley, to const. J. A. Manley L. M. of A. H. M. S.	185 00
Wayland, by Edward Carter	15 00
Westboro, Evan., by Frank W. Forbes	103 86
Williamstown, Ranney, W. W., for A. H. M. S.	10 60
Wilmington, by Levi F. Manning	11 13
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan	19 09
Windsor, by Rev. J. E. Swallow	6 00
Worcester, David Whitcomb Fund, In- come of	60 00
	\$4,530 48
Home Missionary	1 70
	\$4,541 18

**Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported
at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society in
September.**

Braintree, First Parish, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss Sarah H. Thayer, two barrels and freight	\$75 00
Hinsdale, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. J. Kittredge, barrel, box and freight	137 10
North Andover, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. A. Stillings, barrel	97 50
Pittsfield, South, Children's Soc., by Carrie M. Gleason, barrel	40 00
Springfield, South, Ladies, by Mrs. G. C. McClean, two barrels and two packages	302 74
	\$752 34

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF
CONNECTICUT.**

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut
in September, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Bridgeport, Scandinavian, by Rev. J. H. Meyer	\$5 00
Collinsville, by J. S. Heath	22 50
Eastford, "The Cleaners," by Alice J.	

Carpenter, \$15; and for A. H. M. S., \$10	
East Haven, by F. T. Jarman	
Glastonbury, Buckingham, Legacy of Mrs. Amanda R. Goslee, by Rev. A. Gardner, special, for A. H. M. S., Western Work	
Greenwich, Second, by L. P. Hubbard	
Guildford, Third, by Rev. G. W. Banks	
Hartford, Windsor Ave., A Friend	
Hartland, West Hartland, by Dea H. L. Wilcox	
Mansfield, First, by Rev. K. B. Glidden	
Middlebury, by Marcus De Forest	
New Hartford, Nepaug, by C. F. Loomis	
Norfolk, by Rev. John De Pew	
North Canaan, Pilgrim, by J. B. Reed	
Old Lyme, by Rev. B. W. Bacon, add'l	
Plainfield, Central Village, by H. C. Torrey	
Pomfret, Abington, by Miss Mary M. Osgood	
Ridgfield, First, by John F. Holmes	
Salisbury, by Rev. J. C. Goddard	
Wethersfield, First, by S. F. Willard	
Legacy of Clarissa L. Adams, by Albert Galpin, Ex., for A. H. M. S.	
Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Conn., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss	

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ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society
in August, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Bureau, in support of services	\$8 00
Cable	15 50
Chicago, First Cong'l Church	92 82
New England Church	63 20
South Cong'l Church, W. H. M. Union	25 00
De Pue, in support of services	7 50
Eldorado, special	2 80
Farlow Grove	7 50
Galesburg, First Ch. of Christ, special	30 00
Mrs. C. A. Tillson, special	5 00
Kewanee, Mrs. H. E. Kellogg	3 00
Lee Center	65
Morris	33 20
New Haven, special	3 96
Princeton, Mrs. Rufus Carey	100 00
Mrs. S. C. Clapp	100 00
Rosemond	40 42
Sandoval	5 00
Seward, (Kendall Co.) S. S.	3 23
South Danville	5 00
Sycamore, W. F. Peters	5 00
Thomasboro, "R"	3 00
Victoria	3 00
Wyand	20 00
Wyand	48 98
Illinois, Woman's H. M. Union	50 00
Cash	103 71
A Friend, special	
Bureau Association, For De Pue Mission	82 50

\$868 00

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society
August, J. H. MARSHALL, Esq., Treas.

Alton, Earnings of Pastor at large	\$1
Anamosa, Junior Miss. Soc.	
L. M. Soc.	
Baxter	
Bellevue	
Cedar Falls, L. M. S.	1
Cedar Rapids, L. M. S.	
Cherokee, Y. P. S. C. E.	
Chester Center, Ladies	
Clarion	1
Cleveland, Welsh	1
Council Bluffs	1
Davenport	
Elma, S. S.	
Elkader, Mrs. M. H. Carter	1
Emmetsburg	1
Golden Prairie, Ladies	
Gomer	1
Gowrie, J. R. Youker	
Grant	
Grinnell, Friends	1
Humboldt	1
Iowa City, Mrs. B. S. Holmes	
Kellogg, W. H. M. U.	
Larchwood	
W. H. Watson	
Le Mars, L. M. S.	
N. L. Burton	
Magnolia, \$10; W. H. M. U., \$2.60; S. S. \$10	
McGregor, L. M. S.	1
Miles	1
Millford	
Nashua	4
Ottumwa, S. O. C. 1st Ch.	1
W. H. M. U.	1
Osage, W. M. S.	
Rockwell	1
Sherrill's Mound	1
Sioux City, Mayflower	1
Sutherland	
Victor, Y. L. M. S.	

\$283 64

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged	\$6.63
Connecticut, Griswold	1 00
Dakota, Fargo	1 00
District of Columbia, Washington	1 00
Minnesota, Minneapolis, \$3.15; Sauk Center, \$3; St. Paul, \$50	10 00
New York, Brooklyn	3 00

\$7.03

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged	\$2.01
Minnesota, Cannon Falls	1 00
North Dakota	1 00

\$2.01

Woman's State H. M. Organizations.

OFFICERS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MALE CENT INSTITUTION,
Organized August, 1805.
Miss A. A. McFarland, 106 Main St.,
Concord.

MINNESOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized September, 1872.
Mrs. E. S. Williams, 1729 11th Avenue
S., Minneapolis.
Mrs. H. L. Chase, 2750 2d Ave. S., Minne-
apolis.
Mrs. J. N. Cross, 2631 Portland Ave.,
Minneapolis.

MAINE.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY AUXILIARY,
Organized June, 1880.
Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Berwick.
Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Hammond
St., Bangor.
Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 26 Grove St.,
Bangor.

MICHIGAN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1881.
Mrs. George M. Lane, 47 Miami Ave.,
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Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing.
Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

KANSAS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized October, 1881.
Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.
Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.
Mrs. J. G. Dougherty, Ottawa.

OHIO.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1882.
Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, 417 Sibley St.,
Cleveland.
Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin.
Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, 95 Monroe Ave.,
Columbus.

NEW YORK.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized October, 1883.
Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave.,
Brooklyn.
Mrs. Wm. Spalding, 6 Salmon Block,
Syracuse.
Mrs. L. H. Cobb, 59 Bible House, New
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WISCONSIN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized October, 1883.
Mrs. H. A. Miner, Madison.
Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead.
Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Beloit.

NORTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized November, 1883.
Mrs. A. B. Peebles, Fargo.
Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.
Mrs. A. L. Gillett, Grand Forks.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized July, 1884.
President, Mrs. G. H. Atkinson, Portland, Or.
Secretary, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla,
W. T.
Treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Rockwood, Oregon City,
Or.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized September, 1884.
President, Mrs. T. M. Hills, Sioux Falls.
Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls.
Treasurer, Mrs. S. Fifield, Lake Preston.

CONNECTICUT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized January, 1885.
President, Mrs. Francis B. Cooley, Hartford.
Secretary, Mrs. S. M. Houchkiss, 171 Capitol Ave.,
Hartford.
Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St.,
Hartford.

MISSOURI.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized May, 1885.
President, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 3006 Pine St., St.
Louis.
Secretary, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St.,
St. Louis.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Cook, 4145 Bell Ave., St.
Louis.

ILLINOIS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1885.
President, Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, 409 Orchard St.,
Chicago.
Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St.,
Chicago.
Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Maltby, Champaign.

IOWA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized June, 1886.
President, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.
Secretary, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Box 232, Grinnell.
Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Nicholson, Dubuque.

CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized October, 1887.
President, Mrs. J. K. McLean, Oakland.
Secretary, Mrs. M. L. F. Eastman, 516 Valencia
St., San Francisco.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Havens, Oakland.

NEBRASKA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized November, 1887.
President, Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, 1216 H St., Lincoln.
Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Berry, Fremont.
Treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.

FLORIDA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized February, 1888.
President, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.
Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Partridge, Longwood.

INDIANA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Michigan City.
Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. F. Perdue, Terre Haute.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. Elijah Cash, Box 346, Los Angeles.

Secretary, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, Box 496, Pasadena.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Bangs, 78 North Griffin Ave., East Los Angeles.

VERMONT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized June, 1888.

President, Mrs. A. B. Swift, Burlington.
Secretary, Mrs. E. C. Osgood, 14 First Ave., Montpelier.
Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions:

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay, so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company; if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking *two* receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association, or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age* and *sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.
10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are needful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....Rom. x. 15.

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TREASURY NOTE.

THE state of the Treasury has not improved since our report in THE HOME MISSIONARY for November. Two of the notes given to tide over usual summer deficiency have fallen due, and had to be renewed for want of money to meet them. The Society, therefore, is still owing the banks **ninety thousand dollars** (\$90,000). Of this amount one third (thirty thousand dollars) is secured by bonds representing the reserved one-fifths of the Swett Exigency Fund.

The receipts for October are \$22,526.78 **less** than those of October 1887—a **falling off** of \$11,648 in contributions, and \$11,234 in legacies. September and October in the years of presidential election are probably months of small receipts. The income in these two months of 1888 was somewhat in advance of those in the two latest foregoing “presidential years,” though **they** both were largely helped by legacies, while September and October of this year very little came from that source. Notwithstanding the temporary autumnal depression in the two periods named, the income for the entire year in each case was largely in advance of the years preceding; in the earlier case, \$24,000 greater; in the later, nearly \$67,000 greater. We are therefore confidently expecting a like result this year. **But to realize it there must be a very strong and immediate effort on the part of the Society’s entire constituency.**

The receipts in the seven months of the financial year already past are **short** of those of the corresponding months of 1887, **by twenty-seven thousand dollars** (\$27,000)—\$15,863 in contributions, and \$11,234 in legacies.

The friends of Home Missions have but to look at these figures, to see **if the missionaries are to be paid and the Society’s credit to the banks is to be maintained**, every church, every pastor, every Sunday-school, every executor holding bequests to the Society, every faithful steward of his Lord’s money, **has something to do in the matter, and that it cannot be done too quickly.**

THE TEST COLUMN.

THERE is one column in the statistical report of the Home Missionary, that, more than any other, measures the success of his work. That column carries at its head these two suggestive words, "Hopeful Conversions." The figures that tell the number of miles traveled, sermons preached, prayer meetings attended, churches built, and Sunday-schools organized, are significant only as they announce themselves sooner or later in this crucial column. The kingdom of heaven which we seek to promote consists ultimately in none of these external things, but is "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." How many wayward souls have been turned from sin to holiness? In how many spirits "by restless passions tossed" has the reign of peace been set up? How many sad hearts have experienced the new joy in the Holy Ghost? These, after all, are the questions the reply to which determines success or failure. This is the fruit that abides. Church buildings are "but four square walls." Fire may consume them, cyclones demolish them, shifting populations desert them. Churches themselves, however carefully gathered, may be decimated by deaths and removals, or melt entirely away as the tides of emigration recede. But converted souls shall live forever to bless the Savior that died for them, and the human hand that plucked them from the burning. "I have ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that your fruit should remain.*" Brethren on the field, if you would do permanent work, work that will *show* in the regeneration of the world and in the great Day of the Lord, seek to fill up the column of "Hopeful Conversions."

OUR STAR CHART.—A beautiful Star Chart, $3\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ feet in size, printed in our national colors, has just been prepared by the American Home Missionary Society. It represents the work of our Seven Benevolent Societies, and is designed to hang up for permanent reference as an object lesson in the Sunday-schools of our denomination throughout the land. If the Christians of the coming generation are to be alive to the great interests of the Church and the Kingdom, the time to begin to educate them is *now*.

It is estimated that at least one half of the membership of our churches do not, as a rule, participate in the church benevolences, and no doubt even a larger proportion would find it difficult correctly to give the names of their Seven Societies. These Societies are the agencies of the churches in the work of saving the world for Christ. With such indifference and ignorance on the part of many of God's people, is it any wonder that the work drags, and that sacred interests are imperiled?

This Star Chart, showing "Our Work for Christ and Humanity," and

retaining the names of all our Societies, with the work which each is doing, will be sent on application, *free of charge*, to all our Sunday-schools, provided that some time during the coming year the school make contribution to Home Missions.

Superintendent Schaufler, of Cleveland, writes: "I thank you for the Chart. Am very thankful that you are using such practical ways of stating the facts before the people, young and old."

A Pastor in New York State writes: "The Chart came in good order about a week ago. It is hung up in our Sunday-school room, and makes a right and instructive spot, attracting all eyes."

Superintendent Curtis, of Indiana, writes: "I am delighted with the chart. It seems to me to be a valuable means of enlisting missionary interest, and educating the youth in regard to the work of the A. H. M. and the other Societies. I cannot tell you how glad I am that these steps of progress are being made."

Secretary Douglass, of Iowa, says concerning the Chart: "It is a fine thing, and I shall be glad to do what I can to call the attention of our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents to it. If the children can be educated to love the cause of missions, the Secretaries of the next generation will not have to carry such financial burdens as do the Secretaries of today."

And so were it necessary we might multiply these testimonials from all over the land. The Superintendent of the late Dr. Goodell's Sunday-school in St. Louis telegraphed for two Charts and 1,000 Star Cards. The Superintendent of Dr. Behrend's school in Brooklyn ordered five Charts and 1,000 Cards.

We shall be glad to fill any order sent by Sunday-school Superintendents or Pastors. *Address Rev. C. C. Otis, Bible House, N. Y.*

THE "BUNDLE OF PAPERS" is being rapidly circulated among the auxiliaries of the twenty-two Woman's State Home Missionary Organizations. The "Papers," which represent the sayings and doings of the officers of these organizations during the "All Day Meeting" in June at Watoga, are winning golden opinions from those who have read them. The collection is considered by many as a valuable addition to missionary literature. To meet the demand for this pamphlet it was necessary to issue an edition of 25,000, at a cost of \$220.50. This is to be met, however, by voluntary contributions from individuals and State Unions, and by the sale of the "Bundle" at five cents per copy. To help meet the expense, the sum of \$60.20 has already been placed in the treasury of the American Home Missionary Society.

THE following resolutions were introduced by Rev. James L. Hill, of Medford :

Whereas, The Woburn Conference observes with pleasure a growing interest in the observance of a National Day, in which the attention of our churches is urgently drawn toward matters that pertain to the Evangelization of our own land, as that work is undertaken by our Home Missionary Society; therefore

Resolved, I. That this Conference commends to its constituent churches, wherever it is practicable, the observance of this day.

II. The Conference urges upon the churches a large increase in their gifts to the Home Missionary Society this year.

THOSE who read the unique article upon North Wisconsin in this issue of THE HOME MISSIONARY will appreciate the regret with which the Society accepts the resignation of this efficient Superintendent of Home Missions. We heartily congratulate the American Congregational Union in securing him as one of its field secretaries. He will do a grand work wherever he is.

A REQUEST.—Will each Secretary of a Woman's H. M. Organization kindly examine the list of officers in her own State, as published on the last page of this magazine, and, at her earliest convenience, forward to this office any change of name or address? This is absolutely necessary to insure a reliable list of our State officers.

SWEDISH COSTUMES.—The Ladies' Sewing Society of Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, have made and presented to the American Home Missionary Society fifteen beautiful flags—five each of the merchant flags of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. They are to be used in the new Sunday-school concert exercise—"An Evening in Sweden"—prepared by Superintendent Montgomery. Five outfits of Swedish costumes have also been gathered in this city and sent to New York to accompany this concert exercise.—*N. W. Congregationalist*.

WITH the aid of these attractive costumes, which have been collected and arranged by Mrs. Montgomery, a most instructive and appetizing programme may be carried out by those who wish to add to the "Young Ladies' Swedish Fund." One important event of the evening is a Swedish collection.

LAST Sunday I read "Something New in Missouri" to our Sunday-school. (See THE HOME MISSIONARY for November.) If one thousand Congregational Sunday-schools would set apart the third Sabbath of each month for a missionary programme, closing with a missionary collection, you would not have occasion to say, "*At this date there is nothing in the treasury.*" The reflex influence upon our Sunday-schools would be worth more than the heaviest contributions.—*A Pastor.*

It strikes me that the names of your Superintendents indicate, in a measure, your Home Missionary style of work in the rushing wickedness of our western frontier. For instance, your society can BEARD the monster, double HOOD-wink him, and swoop down upon him with HAWKES, while you FORD the floods of sin. Your work is done with the swiftness of the DOE, the despatch of the MAILE, and even WIARD by lightning. Your voice is heard in the GALE, and your views on all subjects are sure to be BROAD.—*Superintendent Hood, Wisconsin.*

BIRTHDAY BOXES.—These boxes are now used by a number of our Sunday-schools. The plan is simply to prepare a suitable box or barrel, have it labeled and placed upon the table. Then invite any member of the Sunday-school who has had a birthday during the last week to deposit in the box a free-will offering of as many cents as he is years old. This is a very simple exercise; it is interesting, and it is effectual in raising quite a good deal of money in a year. Try it.—*Kansas Telephone.*

IN an account of the recent "Wisconsin General Convention," sent to *The Advance*, Rev. H. A. Miner speaks a good word for Woman's Unions:—"The good women are rivaling their brothers in mission work. The Wisconsin Woman's Home Missionary Union has proved its right to be by the work done. Over \$3,000 was received for the past year. Woman's voice is now a familiar sound from our convention platform. Mrs. E. A. Charlton gave one of the brightest and best papers of the session on Woman's Work; a paper written by Mrs. Prof. Emerson and read by her sister, Mrs. Norton, was listened to with intense interest; and Miss Sewell's address in behalf of the W. B. M. I., held the closest attention to the close. May the day never come when our good sisters shall not be heard on the same platform pleading the cause of our common Master."

ADVANTAGES OF MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

MRS. L. L. VAN NUYA.

RATHER let me say, "*Absolute Necessity of Missionary Literature*," to a missionary worker. As well might a carpenter expect to work without plane or hammer, a shoemaker without lasts; or an educator without books, as a missionary worker without missionary literature. The monthly magazines are our tools. They must be used for encouragement, suggestion, and information, else nothing worthy the name of service will ever be accomplished; or, what is more likely, nothing will ever be attempted. It is not needed here to combat that exasperating fling, "I don't believe in missions." We do believe in missions, but we need to have our interest in the subject deepened. We want to be wide awake to the meaning of God's providence, as door after door, hitherto barred, is thrown wide open, with the command that has the ring of assured victory, "Go in and possess the land!" The saying is trite but true, "One takes no interest in that about which one is ignorant." The inference then is plain to a blind man: want of knowledge is the foundation cause of want of interest. Then just INFORM YOURSELF on the subject of missions if you would become thoroughly interested.

Pray tell, what are our missionary magazines, after all? OUR CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS' BULLETINS. Would you know how it fares with our comrades at the front, those in the thick of the fight—hard-pressed often, and weary, but never stampeding? Read their bulletins. They will tell you how the standard they bear has been planted here and there, on continent and island. Because their weapons are not carnal but spiritual, and their victories bloodless, they are none the less interesting, and the effect will reach through eternity.

Has it ever been your fortune to solicit for subscribers to our magazines? With what trepidation you made known your errand, half beseeching and half apologetic, like a sheepish book agent. As you go around you know pretty well how you will be received at the different homes. Your ears will not ache from the too frequent exclamation, "So glad to see you! I have been anxiously looking for you!" I heard a solicitor say, that one woman, when asked to subscribe, handed her sixty cents, saying, "There's the money, but don't send me the thing, for I won't have it." What a double-edged insult to the Master and to the obedient disciple! Imagine during the War of the Rebellion, when papers came to hand with news from the battle-field where husbands, sons, and brothers were fighting to the death for flag and country,—just imagine, if you can, one saying, "Take the things away, I won't have them around!"

The solicitor comes upon another class who say, "I would like to take

the magazine,—y-e-s—but, really, I have not time to read it ; there are so many other things to read ;” and you are politely bowed out. “Not time?” Did any one say during the war, “I would *like* to read the news from the battle-field, I would like to know how it is with my loved ones there ; splendid victories they have had, I hear, and many a gallant soldier has laid down his life to win them ; but, really I have no time to read about it.”

There is another class the solicitor will find,—and let us thank God and take courage, for it is steadily increasing in all our societies,—those who take the magazines and read them ; but I fear the reading is often haphazard and irregular. Is it not true that they often lie on our tables unread, awaiting a convenient time, until the news has become stale, and much of the interest in it has gone? A convenient time often means when we have nothing else to do.

There are ways and ways of reading, as of doing other things. If, for instance, you were to regard the “Letters from the Front,” found in every number of THE HOME MISSIONARY, as actually written to *you* by *your sister*, *your brother*, they working in your stead, and you at the base of supplies supporting them, the “letters” would not be likely to lie unopened waiting for a convenient time. This careful and sympathetic reading would lead to a prayerful way. It could but do so. Some are rejoicing over gathered sheaves, and some are sad over thwarted plans, some perplexed, and some bereaved. They all expect, and have a right to, that those addressed will read, mark, and pray.

You can see how this way of reading would lead to intelligent working and praying. During the war we did not send a supply of bandages, lint, and jelly to a regiment of sound and healthy men who were starving, nor barrels of beans and onions to the sick and wounded in the hospital. We did not thank God for the victory at Bull Run, nor pray for grace to bear the defeat at Gettysburg. No such muddle in work and prayer as that ! But, is there not a good deal of just this sort in so-called missionary work?

Lord Cairns relates this incident :—In Belfast, a little chimney-sweep happened to be attracted by missions, and contributed two pence, no small sum for a chimney-sweep. One afternoon, a friend met him going along the street in an unusual condition, face and hands washed clean, and he dressed in his best. “Hallo ! where are you going?” “Oh ! I am going to a missionary meeting.” “A missionary meeting ! What for?” “Well,” said the sweep, “you see I have become a sort of *partner* in the concern, and I am going to see how the business is getting on.”

Let us be partners in the concern, and let us see how the business is getting on ! At least once a month let us look into its affairs, remembering we are not only partners, but fellow-workers with those in the field, and with the Master himself.—*Leaflet No. 56. Price two cents each.*

NO NEW WORK?

BY REV. H. D. WIARD, SUPERINTENDENT, SOUTH DAKOTA.

I THINK there have never been so many of the Dakota churches roused to intense activity for souls as now; and there certainly is a great deal of spiritual growth in Dakota. I have been nearly all the month at Pierre and Faulkton, in special meetings. At Pierre there was an intense interest in things spiritual, and many souls confessed Christ. Ten united with our church on confession, more than as many more will soon do so. Where is a good strong man for Pierre? At Faulkton a glorious work is being accomplished. I was to go from here last night, but a delegation of business men who are not Christians, so besought me that I have consented to remain for a few days, but I find it more than I am able to do to attend to such work and the superintendent's work too. Mr. Douglass told me of at least twenty prominent people here who had accepted Christ this week. At our board meeting, March 5th and 6th, we canvassed our work carefully and thoroughly, and the estimate of needs was placed as low as we felt we could put it, and this will let us do but little new work. The Sioux Reservation Bill has passed the Senate and House, and now we of Dakota have got to take care of the people who will come, and, from the present outlook, the number is great. How can we do it? Is the order "No new work" still to hold? We of Dakota pray not. Mr. Tomlin, our General Missionary, is doing grand work. The churches where he goes are all greatly helped, and the calls for his work are five times as numerous as he can answer. When I can do more of the evangelist's work, I can aid him somewhat. The outlook for our work this year is all of faith. The people are so poor that they have got to make the pledges to support the Gospel rest on a crop to be raised, but they take hold nobly. Our self-supporting churches are doing finely. Yankton, Huron, and Watertown are all manned by strong gospel men, and men who are of great service to surrounding churches.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.**II.**

ON the 10th of July, 1843, REV. MORITZ E. EVERSZ, Superintendent of the GERMAN DEPARTMENT of the American Home Missionary Society, was welcomed at the home of Captain Louis Eversz, burgomaster of Buderich, on the lower Rhine. He early manifested a strong sense of righteousness and religion. Deeply impressed by seeing drunkards sleeping off their inebriation in his father's prison, the child of five was overheard praying: "Lord, now make me so strong that I can punish all the wicked." In 1849 his parents emigrated to Wisconsin and settled on a farm near Ripon.

At the age of eleven he was sent out to work, for two summers, as a shepherd-boy. Then he was apprenticed to a merchant in Ripon, enjoying three months of schooling two winters.

In July, 1862, he enlisted in the 20th Wisconsin Volunteers, and in ten months held successively the positions of corporal, 5th sergeant, 1st sergeant, and 2nd lieutenant. His regiment took part in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, the sieges of Vicksburg, Port Hudson, Fort Morgan and Spanish Fort, in the expeditions up the Yazoo River, then to Atchafalaya Bayou, to Brownsville, Texas, and Pascagoula, Mississippi. In the operations about Mobile he was obliged to cross a stream known to be planted with torpedoes. His horse stepped on one and was instantly killed. A piece of it cut off the sword scabbard hanging by his heel, while he escaped unhurt, save limbs bruised by the concussion. The last two years he was constantly on detached service, chiefly as aid-de-camp.

Nine months before enlisting he had been made conscious of his need of a Savior, but felt a lack of that deep conviction of sin then so urgently insisted upon. Over this he almost stumbled, to go his own way. But a faithful pastor showed him that it was not his tears that the Lord wanted, but repentance—a turning away from the world to follow his Master, whom he must trust for all needed feeling. So the reading of the Word and the prayer of his childhood, long neglected, were resumed. His love of dancing, cards, and especially billiards, against which he had often struggled in vain, vanished. It was supplanted by a deeper and purer affection. As a recruit of the great Captain of our salvation, he joined the Congregational church with five young men. The prayer circle then begun was kept up in the army until they were separated. The grace of Christ proved to be sufficient to keep him even in the great temptations peculiar to his position as a staff officer. Profanity, tobacco, and strong drink found a constant enemy in him.

The last months of military service agitated the question, Should he seek an education, or re-enter mercantile life? The generous offer of his former employer, the advice of friends, together with his age and lack of means, carried the day. Only a few months were reserved to improve his business education. But on his return from Poughkeepsie, New York, there was some religious interest in his church. The duty of making the most of his life for Christ was deeply impressed upon him, and his desire for a liberal education revived. After a week's struggle in prayer, he resolved to seek an education, believing that the Master would open the way, if He had really called him to preach the Gospel.

The criticism of dear friends who thought him "cut out for business," and the beginning at the bottom of the ladder bore somewhat heavily on his natural pride, but he persevered. No toil which brought needed funds, was too humble. He sawed wood, worked in the harvest

field, was janitor, insurance agent, and teacher of German. He graduated from Ripon College in 1871, not having lost a week during six years of study from illness or lack of means. The Lord had opened the way.

His plan to study theology at Yale and Andover was changed by an invitation to study in Oberlin Seminary and teach German in the College. In his middle year he became interested in the church at Pittsfield. At the request of the people, he gave up teaching and preached once each Sunday for them. After graduating in 1874 he continued to serve the church until the spring of 1876. He next served the Olivet Church of Columbus for five and a half years. A new and beautiful house of worship was built and paid for under his leadership.

The hope of doing something among his countrymen led Mr. Eversz to feel it his duty to accept the call of the Hanover Street Church of Milwaukee. He soon became attached to the people and identified with the interests of the South Side. The building was much improved, and the society cleared of debt during his nearly six years' service. He had been repeatedly requested to accept a superintendency under the American Home Missionary Society. When Mr. Albrecht resigned so unexpectedly, he was again sought for the position, and came to feel that loyalty to Christ demanded its acceptance. In August, 1887, he bade a reluctant farewell to his people to spend a few months in studying the German church problem on German soil, and returned to assume the duties of his office with the present year.

III.

REV. GEO. A. HOOD, Superintendent of Home Missions for NORTH WISCONSIN, was born in Philadelphia, in July, 1846, and grew up near by, in Chester, Pennsylvania. His musical soul reveled in the advantages for the study of music among the Germans of Philadelphia, so that at fourteen his father forbade it, and saved him to the ministry. He graduated at Princeton College, took two years in Princeton Seminary, but his Senior year at Andover. He so overworked in teaching and paying his way, and in extra study, that at graduation he was broken down. He was superintendent and pastor at Savannah under the American Missionary Association till he failed in health a second time, and the doctor ordered him to rest for two years. In six months he was preaching.

His western life began at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1872, and he has ever since been in some way connected with the work of the American Home Missionary Society. Ten years a Minneapolis pastor, he helped to systematize the State work. As Statistical and Recording Secretary he secured the organization of the Northern Pacific Conference, of the Central Conference, and the reorganization of the Anoka Conference, prepared its constitution, and that of the State Association. Mr. Hood was six years Secretary of the Minnesota Home Missionary Board of

Directors, and served as Acting Superintendent for eight months at the time of Mr. Montgomery's trip to Sweden, while still a pastor. He came to Wisconsin on September 1st, 1886.

NORTH WISCONSIN AFTER THE BOOM.

REV. G. A. HOOD, SUPERINTENDENT.

WHAT can you do in a booming country after the boom is gone? Ah, then the real basis of its worth appears and the growth is sure to be solid. There has been no boom anywhere in North Wisconsin since April, 1887.

Not one town has decreased in size except that the roughs and the desperate classes have left the mining towns; the prominent places have continued to grow with scarcely diminished rapidity, till the hard times of last winter.

Ashland, since the boom, has added a single-blast furnace, said to be the largest in the country, pouring out eighty tons per day of pig-iron, a large iron foundry and machine shops moved from Minneapolis, street cars, streets and avenues planked and sewers laid, fine brick blocks, coal docks and commercial docks begun and finished. West Superior has added new railroad yards and terminal facilities, a \$150,000 hotel at Fourteenth Street, three elevators with a capacity of 5,000,000 bushels, and the Steel Works Company are laying out an immense plant. Four towns have introduced water-works.

The seven railroads operating in North Wisconsin during the boom have increased to eleven. A gridiron of nine covers the whole north country, and two more run into West Superior. Six roads connect Lake Superior with Milwaukee or Chicago; three bind North Wisconsin and North Michigan together, east and west, into one large natural lumber and mining State, with stock farms in the future. Two of them are the famous "Soo" roads, to extend to the Atlantic. Round-houses and shops, yards and junctions, spur-tracks and connecting branches have been built to get hold of the riches above and below ground, and still there are plans for enlargement, new railroad companies incorporated, surveys incomplete, or branches sticking out into the woods, expecting to go somewhere sometime.

The Suez has for three years been surpassed by the "Soo." The increase of tonnage through this Sault Ste. Marie shows the government canal alarmingly too small, and the "Waterways Convention" of 1887 sent up a cry of terror to the government, so that a \$7,000,000 canal is now being built. The Invincible Armada of 1588 with 130 boats is outdone by that of 1888 with 183 big vessels waiting at one time to pass through this canal. Most of this commerce goes to the west end of Lake Superior. So you see the material progress continues.



A BANKING GROUND ON THE RIVER.

Our home missionary work has been carefully managed so as neither to be entangled in any boom, nor to miss any of the work we ought to do. In two years the number of churches has grown from five American and three Swede, to eleven American with five stations, and eight Swede with nine stations, a total of thirty-three points occupied and worked. Three of these eleven churches have built houses of worship; one is trying to build; one has built, and another has raised the money for a parsonage. Principally for lack of parsonages, the right kind of ministers has been so hard to get that these fields have averaged half the time vacant. The number of ministers has increased from three to sixteen in two years.

The work of the churches has been blessed more than would seem possible under such circumstances. The Swedish brethren have led the list of conversions; one has added forty by profession in less than two years, another has had twenty-eight conversions in six months. One of our churches has secured more spiritual results in eighteen months than in six years before. Others have been divided by other denominations coming in without regard to comity. One, which has been divided three times, has a Sunday-school and congregation larger than ever; another, which was nearly killed by the invasion of a brother and sister denomination, has recovered, and the church is said to be full inside and outside, so that they must enlarge.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is gaining ground and greatly helping in the work. Our recent N. W. District Convention at New Richmond was uplifting, and the 100 young delegates went home pledged to stir the other 500 members to do all possible personal work in saving souls. Ought not this to be a powerful help in saving North Wisconsin? Our councils for organization of churches have been precious seasons, spiritually. One of our ministers, lately from the East, wrote me, "It does one good to go. A North Wisconsin convention or council is as good as a revival." We thank God and expect North Wisconsin for Christ!

A CLASS LETTER.

I CAME to Ashland the 6th of July. The following Sunday I preached in the Ashland Theater, a great, barn-like building, capable of holding 1,300 people. As my audiences have never been over 125, we have not been over-crowded. We continued in the theater until the last of September, when we changed to the Y. M. C. A. building, as the former edifice cannot easily be heated. The first of September, our church was organized with twenty-one members. The next communion two more joined, so that we now have twenty-three. Ashland is a city of perhaps 12,000 inhabitants, more than half of whom, I think, have come within the past two years. Five years ago, there were probably not over 1,000

people here. They have unlimited faith that Ashland is to be a large city in the near future. But whether it is to be a large city or not, I think it is probably the wickedest city that has existed on the earth since Sodom and Gomorrah suffered the catastrophe recorded in the book called Genesis. Probably not more than five per cent. of the people attend regularly the Protestant churches. In this I include, of course, the German and Scandinavian, as well as the English-speaking churches. There is no Sabbath to speak of. Paul would not have had to reprove the citizens of Ashland for "observing days." We have sixty-five saloons, each of which pays \$500 license. They are open on Sundays and running at full blast. I suppose that there are 1,500 men on the streets every night, and the saloons are not only brilliantly lighted, but pianos and other musical instruments are kept going, and singing and other attractions draw the crowds within. This is such a new town that the boarding-houses and homes of these men are very primitive, uncomfortable, and uninviting. The saloon is the only place where men can find a pleasant place to spend their evenings. It makes one's heart fail when he sees how the saloons have every thing their own way here.

The churches have no control whatever over the town. We have not succeeded as yet in influencing public sentiment at all in favor of what is good. I think I know from experience how a foreign missionary must feel, surrounded by heathen. One of the largest and most conspicuous and well-known buildings here, is a house of ill-repute; and other places, smaller but of the same character, are thickly scattered all over the city. Prize-fights are common, and a great dog-fight is billed to come off very soon, on which \$1,500 are staked.

Our congregations are small, compared with what they ought to be, but I am trying to preach as plainly and as forcibly as I can. If any one is inclined to doubt the need of missionary work in this country, he would better come to Ashland and see what a hell can exist above-ground when the masses of the people are not under the influence of the Gospel. I have thought that the Home Missionary Society would do well to get a New England saloon-keeper to come here. A saloon such as the people of the East are accustomed to would be so much better than these desperate places in Ashland, that it would exert a refining, uplifting influence; in comparison with what we now have it would be a light shining in darkness. The twenty-third of June, I went to Frederick, Md., and completed an arrangement that I had made with a young lady friend of mine some time before. The consequence of this trip was that I did not come to Ashland alone. We are now keeping house, having at last secured a home, after three months' waiting. Houses are so in demand here that it is almost impossible to get one.—*Ashland, Wis., Oct. 20.*

FROM A GERMAN MISSIONARY.

THIS is the report of my third year with this church. I was able by the grace of God to preach regularly every Sabbath and to lead the Sunday-school, and during the week I instructed a class of young people. I feel more and more that the young people among the Germans need good religious instruction or they are lost, if their parents do not care for the church. If the children of German parents are sent to American Sunday-schools, they get there a knowledge of religion; but on account of prejudice against American churches many German children grow up irreligious. Sometimes, where the temperance question is brought up in mission schools, German children are taken out of Sunday-school by their parents. During this last quarter not much of importance has occurred in our church, except that our neat building was dedicated, and so much money was raised and is now paid in, that not one dollar of debt remains on the property. Superintendent Eversz was here. He seems to be the right man in his place, and with the experience he has himself in pastoral work he combines modesty and love. Our church building was the first German sanctuary in this city, and our society was for years the only German church, but since a few months we have another society, and since last week a building for that class of Germans who belong to the Saenger and Turner Society. Since the local option agitation a portion of my church and a number of families connected with the Sængerbund, who wish to have some kind of religion, with which they could also have Sabbath picnicking and other irreligious practices, formed a new society and built a small hall which they can use for other purposes. All those Germans who wish to lead a godly life attend our church and those who have been here before our church was organized and have hindered every effort, join in one way or another the new society, whose minister has no standing in any denomination, and favors drinking and other ungodly ways. It is true many Germans who never found time to attend service attend now every Sabbath the service of the new church, or the minister would have no congregation. Some of our members who were indifferent are now interested more in their own church, and a separation of the moral and immoral classes takes place. Some members who had attended our church, but who were insincere, and were in the habit of frequenting saloons, have discovered that they belong to the other society and left us. We have not as large an audience as before, because the other society tries by all means to break up our church, expecting by-and-by to get possession of our sanctuary. But, God be praised, He has sustained us and strengthened and comforted us, and He will carry on his good work. Several young people and families have stood by us although their nearest relatives have tried hard to convince them that we are no German Evangelical church. They see with their own eyes that

we have the moral people on our side, while the other society contains drunkards and immoral people. I do not wish to indicate as if we looked down on the others in a self-righteous spirit, or even with a criticising spirit. What we are, we are not by ourselves; it is God's mercy and patience, and we feel the same towards them. And if the Lord wants two societies to gather in more people, it is not for me to hinder, but to pray that good may come out of all. Many a dollar is now spent for a good purpose, that would have been for a bad one. Many persons who had not been in the habit of attending church every Sabbath, or to pay the minister's salary are getting into these habits, and hear the Word of God read. It was often a great trial for me to see some persons partaking of the Lord's supper in our church when I thought they ought not to come. These persons are now welcome in the new society, where the whole German population in town and its surroundings are invited. Since the beginning of this month we have morning services instead of afternoon, as it was the case for four or five years; and we shall have two services on the Sabbath, besides Sunday-school. As our Ladies' Aid Society, who have done nobly for the building of the church, have transformed themselves into a missionary society for Home Missions, the giving will be more systematic. Most of our members have never been used before to giving for mission purposes, as they came not long ago from the old country, but they learn now to give. May the Lord bless the American Home Missionary Society.—*A German Home Missionary.*

A LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

THIS lady, who superintends a Sunday-school in one of the neglected regions of Louisiana, was found one day ill in bed through exhaustion from overwork in that region. She declared that her illness was caused by a morbid conviction that there was not one praying Christian within miles of her. A home missionary, passing through the region, remained and held a few meetings. This seemed to restore her courage and vigor and once more she took up the work. In a personal letter, she writes: "My Sunday-school was very small yesterday, only eleven scholars, yet we received a blessing. The devil is working hard to hold this place. For several years I have taught in this vicinity, among the white and the black, but always in separate schools. You know very little of the ignorance and dissipation among these people. I have passed through many trials here, and have felt so utterly *alone* in the work! I have often been in danger. Sometimes sick with no one to minister to my wants. At times death has seemed very near. I know what it is to be shut up to simple trust in God. I have trusted him when I was afraid. I have asked him for my daily bread, and have received it. I asked God

to send help here. I believe the coming of that missionary was in answer to my prayer. The people had no respect for the Sabbath Day; they were profane, they were cruel and unkind, but a good work has been done in this Sunday-school among these children. I fear that many of the parents will never reach the promised land. They will die in the wilderness. I leave them with God. But I believe that these little ones will be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Oh, pray with me for this!

“Although I have not so much courage for the parents as I wish I had, there has been a change since the visit of the missionary. He gave them the simple Gospel. If he could have remained, we might have had a glorious revival. We need a permanent missionary, one who for Christ’s sake, will be willing to cross swamps, swim bayous, sleep on hard beds, and pass through as many trials as did Paul. I long for a weekly prayer-meeting, but I cannot carry it on entirely alone. I ask again and again, Has God forgotten this place? Or is it because he cannot find a messenger who is willing to take up such a heavy cross—that my prayers for help are not answered?”

THOSE BARRELS.

TO THE LADIES’ HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF PILGRIM CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, MO.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we pen these lines to your Society in acknowledgment of your great kindness in sending those Missionary barrels which came to us last Wednesday. We had just held our annual meeting, and owing to removals from the church by death and otherwise, the church has had a hard year of it, and, notwithstanding every sacrifice it could make, fell \$200 short of raising the pastor’s salary. As we have no parsonage, and living expenses are high, this came rather hard upon us, and we felt somewhat discouraged. This, however, we were trying to conceal, and to bear the burden as cheerfully as possible, and had just settled down to the day’s duties and another year’s work when the door bell sounded and the expressman’s wagon stood before our door. He said he had three barrels for us, and wanted to know what to do with them. Not having received your letter we didn’t know exactly what to do, but ordered them taken into the kitchen, and without delay we got out the hatchet and chisel, and began to investigate. The first open barrel revealed, carefully folded, a beautiful and substantial “comforter,” and beneath that a suit for the pastor, and then other things—good, useful and beautiful came pouring out till our hearts became light and glad. The pastor’s wife stood by while these barrels were being opened, and if you could have seen her face when she beheld their contents, I am sure you would feel happy indeed in the giving. Many things contained in those barrels were greatly needed, and you have saved this wife and

mother many weary hours of work, and much expense, and have made us all glad by your thoughtful kindness.

Just after the second barrel was opened the children came in from school, and such a time you never saw. What with trying on shoes, aprons, hats and bonnets, and looking at books and dolls, they imagined themselves in paradise and were happy indeed. But no light came as to the source of these valuable gifts until we reached a certain much-coveted book—the biography of your former beloved pastor, Dr. Goodell, for which I desire especially to thank you. I believe that the study of that noble life will deepen my own love for souls, and make me more earnest, Christlike, and efficient in winning them to Christ.—*California.*

ICE CREAM AND OVERCOATS.—A small village in the heart of the Rockies. Altitude 8,407 feet. A small band of plucky Christian people, formed into a church organization, and determined not to call upon the American Home Missionary Society this year for aid. The ladies hold an "Ice Cream Festival" in the public hall. Thermometer 26° below zero. The gentlemen put on their overcoats, and manfully do their duty by the church. The ladies net twenty-one dollars.

THE MISSOURI PELT FUND.

SEE *The Home Missionary* FOR JUNE.

HARTFORD, CT., July 10, 1888.

I send you \$6 for that "ground-hog skin" from two Connecticut ladies.—*W. H. M.*

DEEP RIVER, CT., July 13, 1888.

Here is \$1 for the Missouri Pelt Fund. I hope there will be dozens, yes, hundreds, to respond to the deed of that poor woman.—*R. C.*

CHESHIRE, CT., Aug. 2, 1888.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of this place want to help along that Fund for the ground-hog skin of which we read in *The Home Missionary*. I inclose check for \$2.50.—*W. H. Allen, Treas.*

Aug. 15. A lady sends twenty-five cents, and asks, "Why not make that dear lady of the 'Pelt Fund' a life member of the A. H. M. S.?"

Aug. 30. The Y. P. S. C. E. send \$2.65 "to hold the Pelt a few moments." East Granville, Mass.

Sept. 3. "Friends in Braintree" add \$5 to the Fund.

A Home Missionary from Nebraska calls at the office, and leaves fifty cents "to encourage that poor woman in Missouri."

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Sept. 9, 1888.

DEAR HOME MISSIONARY:—A colored woman, who is a widow with three children, lives in my neighborhood. She has a very hard time,

is a Christian woman, and seeks to train her children in the way of the Lord. She works very hard at washing, ironing, and general housework a few hours at a time, and with it all has to be helped by the town. And the girls heard me telling about your "Ground-hog Pelt Fund." The eldest girl at once expressed a desire to have a share in it, and with contribution she sends you a letter. It pleased me to see this family, in this world's goods, enter into this affair with such deep interest and such glowing faces. The mother said, "How I wish I could do something! but the children's gift is all their own." The older girl is an earnest Christian. While they were at my house the other day, I showed you a leaflet, "The Heavenly-minded Squash Vine." The girl exclaimed, "Why, I am raising squashes for missionary money." She has planted the seeds, and has taken the entire care of them. I send \$1.00 for the Missouri Pelt Fund. Will not that poor woman's heart be glad at the rich fruitage resulting from her simple gift? It was surely from the heart, since God has so wonderfully blessed it. I have been greatly refreshed by reading your leaflets. They are full of rich thought and suggestion.—S. A.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Sept. 9, 1888.

When I heard about that ground-hog skin, I thought I would like to share in it too, so I inclose sixty cents in stamps. The first day of the month, the day before my birth-day, I found a silver half dollar, and on hearing about the hog-skin I thought, as the Lord had given it to me, I would like to give it back to him. My little sister Rebekah is now six years old, and she wanted to send some money, too, but as she had only ten cents, I told her I would give her half of mine, so that our baby Ethel, three years old, could send the ten cents, because she wanted to be eleven years old, and very glad to do this for Jesus. I wish I could do a great deal more so that people might hear more about him.—*Your little Friends, Mabel, Rebekah, and Ethel.*

10. From Wethersfield, Ct., we receive \$2 from a lady who writes that "by February, 1889, the Pelt Fund Company will be a very real one."

14. I. P. sends \$5 from Springfield, Mass., "for the privilege of using the Missouri Pelt a few moments."

HARTFORD, CT., Sept. 16.

My wife wants to own that Missouri Pelt just a moment, so I send you one for her, and one for myself. May the sale continue, and the proceeds be used for good.—C.

BELOIT, WIS., Sept. 19.

I enclose \$3 I will hold that "Pelt" a short time, with the hope that some one will want to take it off my hands soon at a good advance price. May the ball roll as long as your books remain open for the

"Missouri Pelt Fund." May God bless the cause and the poor woman who tried to help it!

Sept. 24. The children's "Helping Hand Society" of South Sudbury, Mass., send \$1 for the Pelt Fund.

Oct. 8. The W. H. M. S. of Horton's Bay, Mich., contribute fifty cents to the same Fund.

Oct. 22. The Y. P. S. C. E. of North Weymouth, Mass., send \$1.51, and consider themselves the "owners of the 'skin' until the next purchaser comes forward."

POMONA, FLORIDA, Oct. 25.

Inclosed please find \$3 for the "Missouri Pelt Fund" from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this place. Our president created quite an interest by relating to us the story of this dear woman, which resulted in a desire on our part to become its temporary owners by appropriating the "first fruits" of our labor as a society. The touching story of this "Pelt" has its lesson for us, and we shall now watch its journeyings with renewed interest.

Oct. 26. A "Life Member" sends \$1 for this Fund.

Oct. 29. E. G. J., Derby Line, Vt., adds \$2 to the Fund, with kind expressions of interest.

MISSOURI PELT FUND, Oct. 29, 1888, \$106.36. This account will close in February, 1889.

A METHODIST SHOUT.

LAST Sabbath we devoted the entire day and evening to prayer, praise, and thanksgiving unto God for mercies bestowed. While we have been blest with the presence of God ever since this church was organized, yet, this meeting I think was the best we have ever had. In the unifying nature—old feuds that have existed have been removed. Persons who were so prejudiced against us and would not hear me preach have become our friends, and have come to me and asked forgiveness. One man in particular, who is sixty-two years of age, and has been a most desperate man in wickedness, and one of our most secret and determined foes, was soundly converted and came into the church and is now happy in Jesus, and is anxious to do what he can for the cause. One young man to whom I spoke concerning his salvation, answered me by saying that 'he hoped God would strike him dead and send his soul to . . .' This same young man came to meeting and I preached upon the subject of the danger in sinning away our day of grace by grieving the Holy Spirit. This young man left the house in a run, and when the meeting was out and I got home to the gate, I found him there! He threw his arms around me weeping as though his poor heart would break, begging me to pray for

him. I invited him into the house, and myself and wife and a brother prayed for him. I had him to pray for himself and he claimed to find peace. "Oh," he exclaimed, "how near I was to being lost, when I told you I hoped God would kill me! I could not stay," said he, "and hear your sermon through; I would have fallen from my seat. I was afraid a storm or something would come and kill all the sinners in the house. Poor souls!"

An old man between seventy and eighty years came out and took a stand for Jesus. He exhorted the young people to take a look at his old gray hairs and take warning by him and put not off their return to God as long as he has done. This old man and his wife will join with us. Her health is so frail she cannot get out very often. They were going to unite with us yesterday, but could not be out.

Another phase of the meeting was our morning prayer-meeting before breakfast. I tell you this is a grand means of grace, and great good was done. Persons came to church who have never been to church before, since I have been in town. The moral character of this town has changed since this church has been organized, and it is not yet three years old. Anyone who can deny the truth of the Christian religion in the face of such living facts as have been brought out here, surely must be blind. Men, who when this church was organized were next to desperadoes, are now in the church, working, paying, praying men. Men who when this work began, were besotted, drunken, swearing scoffers, who took pleasure in cursing me, to-day are in the church happy in Jesus. Have I not reason to be happy, and indulge a little in my old-time Methodist shout, "Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord."

The work of the Lord is on the increase, congregations getting bigger, Sunday-school growing, prayer-meetings increasing in spirituality, and the church all united and filled with the Holy Ghost. At our last communion, sixty persons sat down at the Lord's table together. How cheering the scene to see men who just a month before, were in their sins, now at the table of our Lord. Surely "God's ways are not our ways." "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform!" May I say that there are not a dozen Americans left who are not converted? I am certain that if these people were all Americans they would all be converted to Jesus. But it is almost impossible to move this foreign element out of their teaching, but I can see gleams of light, and I am certain that after a few years of stubborn opposition on their part, and by humble, consistent living, and a practical godly life on our part, things will change. Pray for us.—*Rev. D. L. Fordney, Cole Camp, Mo.*

CHRISTMAS EVE IN NEW MEXICO.

As the manner of celebrating Christmas by the Mexican people is very different from that of the people at the East, perhaps a description of it may be interesting to you.

For nine nights before Christmas, fires are built in front of most of the houses in town. Each night a procession of men marches through the streets, the leaders carrying an image which they call Niño Dios (the Child-God). The people sing as the procession moves along a song about St. Mary asking lodging for her child.

I will simply describe the celebration of the last night, or Christmas eve, as I saw it. A procession, composed for the most part of women, came through the street carrying lanterns, and a cradle over which was an arch of artificial flowers. In this cradle lay the 'Niño Dios.' As the procession stopped in front of a house, a woman came out bringing coal of fire on a shovel. She knelt down in front of the idol and offered incense and then went back to the house. The procession then came up to the door and chanted a hymn, asking for lodging for the 'Niño Dios.' From within came the response that the house was full and there was no room for the child. The procession moved on to the next house, and did the same as at the first, and again admittance was refused. Then they went to another house which they were allowed to enter with the image. This was placed upon an altar which had been erected for the purpose, and then they all knelt down and worshiped it.

After this I went to the chapel, where another part of the people were holding services. Upon the altar in the chapel were images of Joseph and Mary bending over the image of a child in a cradle. The people were singing praises to Joseph and Mary. About ten o'clock a stalwart Mexican in full Comanche dress entered, and taking his bow and arrow from his back threatened to shoot the image of the child. A young lady knelt down in front of the image, while the leader of the singers explained to the Comanche that the child was the King of kings and Lord of lords, and that angels and archangels did him reverence. The Comanche then kissed the image of the child and left."—*Rev. W. C. Montgomery, San Mateo, New Mexico.*

POCATELLO—IDAHO.

POCATELLO derives its name from a famous Indian chief. The town is located on the Shoshone Indian Reservation, at the junction of the Oregon Short Line and of the Utah and Northern. The place has a population of 2,200. Fully one half are Mormons, and the remainder almost equally divided between Protestants and Catholics. The most noticeable peculiarity of this place is that it has but two streets. The

thoroughfares are each fully three quarters of a mile in length. As the Union Pacific has but forty acres, the houses on both streets are on the same lots. One row is built on the front of the lots, facing the tracks, the others on the back, facing in the opposite direction. Owing to the fact that the railroad company owns nearly all the houses on the front street, and as there is sharp competition to secure them, the division superintendent has deemed it necessary to keep a "house-list." Only employes can get "on the list," and some of them have been on this list for over a year. The houses on the back street are owned by train and shop men, and one of these is seldom vacant for more than a few days. A family having a whole house to itself is a rarity. We have been here four months and have not succeeded in getting a house. I do not know how we should have endured the first two months had it not been for the presence of one of the Pacific Hotel Company's houses at this place. We now occupy two upstairs rooms, and we have them because our need appealed to the generosity of friends. The house-famine prevents quite a number of railroad employes from moving their families here. Pocatello being the end of four divisions of railway, our present cramped position occasions great discomfort. The car-shops and offices of the Idaho division of the O. S. L. and U. & N. are located here. These shops give employment to 400 men. Every month \$50,000 in wages is paid to train, shop, and office men.

The "noble red man" is one of our familiar sights. To see him with his head decorated with feathers, hair hanging in long braids, ears ornamented with great silver rings, face covered with red paint, brass bands on wrists, and his person clothed in blankets of a gorgeous hue, is an every day occurrence.

The town is surrounded on three sides by mountains. The snow remained upon them until July. It usually remains most of the summer, but the rains have been heavier and the heat more intense than usual.

During the last session of Congress the Pocatello town-site bill was passed. This act provides for the platting and sale of 1,840 acres of Indian land. Hence, a very flattering prospect of a boom. There are but three general, and two drug-stores on the ground now; the general stores are those of licensed Indian traders. In July a Congregational church with a membership of fourteen was organized. Recent accessions have increased our number to twenty. The society has not only resolved to erect a 22x36 chapel, but this is to be done without aid from the Congregational Union. However, we should be glad to receive a good, orthodox, Puritan bell. Idaho now has two Congregational churches.

— *Rev. W. H. Bonnell, Pocatello, Id.*

A PREDICAMENT.

OUR experiences here are sometimes amusing as well as serious. That partook of both characteristics, we had not long ago. In driving with a friend to H—— to preach, we came to a “slew” full of mud. The road at this point was bounded by the railroad on one side, and a barbed wire fence on the other. We drove in. The horse began to sink. I urged him forward, but he sank deeper and deeper, until he came to a stand-still in the middle of the “slew.” With water all around us for twenty feet or more, the outlook for two preachers with their “meeting-clothes” on, was not encouraging. My companion unfastened the tug on his side, I, the one on my side. The horse plunged deeper, but we managed to quiet him until we had unfastened the straps. He then cleared the thills. The next move was to get out of the “slew.” I removed my hat, coat, collar, cravat, shoes, etc., and deposited them on the carriage-seat. Descending carefully into the mud, I advised my companion to follow suit. He preferred to mount the horse and ride out. He soon regretted his choice, however, for the horse got down with him just as he was reaching terra firma, and he went over the horse’s head, landing on dry ground with the exception of his extremities which were immersed.

I tried to work the carriage loose. It would not move. The wheels were in the mud half their length. My companion waded in to help, and together, after a long struggle, and after being half devoured by voracious mosquitoes, we extricated the vehicle.

While we were still in the mud, three men who lived near by, sauntering down the track, their hands thrust deep in their pockets. Said one of them, “Got stuck?” “Looks like it, doesn’t it?” “People are getting stuck here every day now. A man got stuck yesterday.” I was becoming indignant, and replied, “Why don’t you post a notice to warn people that the place is impassable?” “I dunno. It should ought to be one. It’s a bad hole.” We agreed with him. We were in it forty-five minutes and were more than an hour late for our appointment. The horse was uninjured, and afterward tried to get away.—*A Home Missionary in Dakota.*

THE LAND THAT GAVE YOU BIRTH.

BY REV. J. E. RANKIN, D.D.

O, THE land that gave you birth,
 Where you opened first your eyes,
 On the green and gladsome earth,
 On the blue, resplendent skies!
 Land of pine, and of the palm :
 Land the pilgrim exiles trod,
 On the wilds, when broke their psalm,
 And they knelt in praise to God.

Do you love this land so fair,—
 Land of which you make your boast ;
 Land of clear, sweet mountain air—
 Land of wholesome, rocky coast,
 Land of prairie and of plain,
 City vast, and rural town ?
 Did the pilgrims come in vain ?
 Will you hand these blessings down ?

Answer ye, within whose veins
 Flows the proud, heroic flood,
 That once left its battle stains,
 Marked the place where martyrs stood.
 Are you worthy of your sires,
 Who have entered into rest ?
 Are those ancient, holy fires
 Burning in their children's breast ?

Answer ye, the names who bear
 Blazoned on historic page,
 Are you worthy of a share
 In such glorious heritage ?
 Answer ye, who bear the name,
 Blazoned not on earthly shield,
 Written on a cross of shame,
 Ye to glory ransom sealed.

GHELAND MANSE,

Orange, N. J.

Woman's Department.

In the secret of His presence, how my soul delights to hide !
Oh ! how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesu's side !
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low,
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord ?
Go and hide beneath His shadow ; this shall then be your reward.
And whene'er you leave the silence of the special meeting-place,
You must mind and bear the image of your Master in your face.

You will surely lose the blessing and the fullness of your joy,
If you let dark clouds distress you, and your inward peace destroy ;
You may always be abiding, if you will, at Jesu's side,
In the secret of His presence you may every moment hide.

A Converted Brahmin Lady.

A COLORADO AND WYOMING UNION.

WELCOME COLORADO AND WYOMING ! Our first Rocky Mountain Union ! This good news of you strengthens every heart along the line. May your "women who publish the tidings" become "a great host." May the sacred torch which you have thus lighted upon your magnificent height shine into the dark places of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, and at last illumine the whole land.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION OF COLORADO AND WYOMING.

President, MRS. J. W. PICKETT, White Water ; Secretary, MRS. SIDNEY PACKARD, Pueblo ; Treasurer, MRS. S. A. SAWYER, Boulder. An executive committee of three ladies represent Silverton, Greeley, and Cheyenne. The constitution has been adapted from those of New York and Illinois. Mrs. P. F. Powelson, of Cheyenne, represents Wyoming.

PERSONAL LETTER FROM MRS. PICKETT.

"The women of COLORADO and WYOMING are now united with the great sisterhood of *Consecrated Patriots*. We had a delightful meeting. Mrs. Mead, president of our Rocky Mountain Branch of the W. B. M. I. was chairman, and has from the first been in perfect harmony with the movement, as have also the other officers of the Branch." (Mrs. Pickett had the paper which opened the discussion, and the result was that as once they voted to organize. It is a singular coincidence, that just ten years ago, she had the paper which opened the discussion through which the Foreign Branch was organized.) "How better could we celebrate our tenth anniversary than by organizing a W. H. M. U. ? These societies lie together near my heart, and the work is one. In my paper, I told

that wonderful all-day meeting of the officers of the Unions at Watatoga, and gave reasons, which seemed good to me, why every State and Territory should *at once* fall into line; that this blessed rain had reached our borders on the east,—Kansas, Nebraska, and Dakota,—and that we must not have a “missing link” through the fault of our women, right here in the *heart* of the great home missionary world. How we have enjoyed Dr. Kincaid and Dr. Cobb! They gave good words at the completion of our organization, and we have had most delightful sessions of the Association, and of the Branch. Such a feast as westerners have had! And we appreciate it, I assure you. Think of the distances we had to go for this feast at Denver. Pastor Jennings, from Big Horn, Wyoming, 600 miles; Pastor Nyce, from Zelluride, Colorado, 500 miles; and poor me, 412 miles; and these miles only represent one way. Many others came from just such distances to this, our Eastern Hub, for the annual meeting. Shall I tell you that our ladies read and love *The Home Missionary*?—*In His Name, S. B. Pickett.*

CONNECTICUT.

THE “Third Annual Report” of the Woman’s Congregational Home Missionary Union of Connecticut, comes to us in a dress of exquisite sign and finish. As we turn the leaves we are touched by the tender allusions to the beloved officer and friend, Mrs. Charles Ray Palmer, so suddenly taken, and so sadly missed.

The report indicates healthy growth and increasing power of influence. Thirteen new auxiliaries have been received, and there has been marked gain in contributions. There has been special interest this year among the young ladies’ circles, two of these having contributed \$100. The secretary, alluding to the great responsibility resting upon the committee, places before us these earnest words: “What does the cause need? is the question we have asked repeatedly. The answer is: needs everything; there was never so much to do as now. Churches are needed, schools are needed, and educated ministers. We are to aid in solving the great and difficult problem: How to raise up missionaries for the foreign as well as the native population of our country. The Lord has brought the whole world to our shores. Is not our field a wide one?”

A special feature of the work of the Union this year has been the sending out of one of their number to visit auxiliaries, and address societies that do not contribute to the Union. This effort has been most successful.

The work of the Connecticut Union has been conducted with its usual breadth of aim. The Six National Societies have been generously assisted. While in the line of special gifts, a veteran missionary has

been supplied with a horse ; a church in Kansas with a bell ; churches in Dakota with three communion sets ; also several libraries for Sunday-schools. The usual number of valuable boxes have gladdened missionary homes.

The Union is asked this year, to support a Home Missionary on the frontier ; to pay a salary in the Bohemian Work ; to assist the school at Thomasville, Ga. ; to aid the Industrial Department of a school for Mountain Whites in Kentucky ; to build a parsonage in Kansas, and aid Mrs. L. Tichenor Bailey in her work among the Mormons in Ogden, Utah. May the blessing of God rest upon these noble efforts and crown them with success. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE."

MINNESOTA.

THE president of the Minnesota W. H. M. S. sends out a stirring appeal to her auxiliaries to raise \$5,000 for the American Home Missionary Society. Her words should be prayerfully read by all.

"There are 6,873 women on our church rolls. If they all contributed, and according as God has prospered them, this letter need not be written. But alas ! some are "not interested," and many are not even approached by a solicitor; and it is safe to assume that not more than half contribute anything. Hence this letter must be an appeal to the half who do keep their lamps trimmed and burning. You have a two-fold duty laid upon you. First, to give promptly your own fair proportion; second, to interest that other woman who is *not* interested, and to urge upon her the privilege of taking a share in this work.

"Last year we made no special plea. We hoped the natural growth of our societies would keep our treasury comfortably full. But the needs of the parent societies, to which we contribute, do not remain stationary. To simply hold their ground, doing no new work, requires more money than the churches give them.

"Our contributions have not increased in proportion to our material prosperity. Too many may have an idea that if we each give a dollar a year our duty is done. For some, this means sacrifice; but far too many of us put our dollar into the treasury, with no hint, even, of sacrifice ourselves, and pray 'God bless the Missionary Society.' God hears our requests and does bless the Missionary Society; but may He not also send leanness into our souls? A dollar a year may be enough for many of our consecrated women. But those who read the records tell of dollars earned by home missionary wives, after their home and parish work is done, doing neighbors' washings, and of many other such sacrifices. They tell us the single dollars are too often given by those who could give more. Our giving should be proportioned to our receiving. Our dollars with

eld may keep missionaries and their wives from the bare comforts of life. Ought we not to share with those who, in order to be missionaries in our own country, go without many of these things?

"Sister, when you read this letter, remember it was written directly to you. If you have no ready money, will you not consecrate a few pots of your golden butter, or set aside a basket of fresh eggs, or a coop of young chickens? Have some missionary potato hills, or a "consecrated squash vine." Do a bit of plain sewing for the Master. Above all, season our giving with many prayers for God's blessing on your gifts.

"It may be, my sister, God has given you a more than comfortable home. You may ride in a very easy carriage, dress with great taste, sit at a table loaded with the luxuries of the season. You may have all that heart could wish. Will you not carefully consider this matter? Can you not spare some luxury from your table, thereby making the plainer food far sweeter to your taste? Can you not omit something from your wardrobe, or some superfluous article from your home? May not the best of some bit of fancy work be consecrated, and some tickets to concerts and lectures dropped in? The ways to find money are many. Will you not search for them? I am searching my own heart, too. Freely we are receiving. Are we as freely giving?

"Some have already given their mite. Let them recognize that, and seek only to influence others. For many others, giving their mite as the Lord meant it, would be giving far more than any of us have ever dreamed of asking. But surely many of us can easily give ten, twenty, fifty, one hundred dollars. The treasury needs our help, and He who sitteth over against it, counting our gifts, is pleading with us. Shall we not be large-hearted in our responses?

"He gives twice who gives promptly."

Our Young People.

FOUR PENNIES.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

By ALICE EDDY CURTISS.

"A TRUE story?" asked Ned, lying back on the hearth-rug to look up into grandmamma's face.

"Well, a story that means something true," said grandmamma, holding up her knitting to look at a dropped stitch. "A story for you to think about and see if you can tell what it means."

"Like a riddle?" said Ned, reaching out for the kitten and making himself comfortable to listen. "All right; go on, grandmamma!"

"Well, then, it was on a Christmas Eve," said grandmamma, looking to the glowing fire as if she were reading her story there,—"a Christmas

Eve, clear and cold, with snow lying everywhere on the ground, and the pine trees and fir trees in the forests quite covered with beautiful white wreaths, as if the snow fairies were decking them for Christmas trees on their own account, with bits of sparkling ice and spangles of frost for candles. All over the land there was a look of gladness; the stars seemed brighter than usual, and the lights from cities and towns and even little villages and solitary farm-houses, seemed to twinkle back to them, as if they were trying to make earth as bright as heaven. The children everywhere were asleep, and the Christmas angels had gathered up all their evening prayers and the hymns that they had sung before they went to bed; for this was a Sunday night as well as a Christmas Eve, and hundreds and thousands of homes had been ringing with songs about the Christ-Child, and the Shepherds, and the Star in the East. And on this beautiful, holy, starry night, two angels stopped at a little vine-covered church and entered in.

"The moon was just rising among the stars, and a long silver ray went in with the shining ones, and lighted up the place, resting softly on evergreen wreaths and holly boughs, and falling full on the communion table where something lay sparkling like jewels among the shadows. The angels looked about them with tender smiles.

" 'Yes, this is where the people of earth come to worship the Most Holy One,' said the elder. 'You will see many such places when you have been sent to this world often. They love our Lord, these people who come here. I was here to-day when the children were gathered together to sing and hear the story of the Redeemer, and when they brought their birthday offerings to him. I blessed them in His Name when I saw their happy faces. It was a pleasant sight, brother.'

"The younger angel passed about the church, gazing with wondering, child-like eyes on all the garlands and mottoes that made it beautiful.

" 'They have brought the fairest things that could be found, to do Him honor,' he said. 'The beauty of the wild wood and the blossoms that are grown amid the snow. Our Lord must smile when he looks this way, for the love of his people fills his heart with joy, always. Then he paused beside the table and looked down at the sparkling things that lay there.

" 'What are these?' he asked.

"The other angel drew near, too, with a shadow on his forehead though his eyes were calm and loving.

" 'Those are four coins which dropped from the box where the offering was gathered,' he said. 'To-morrow they will be found and added to the rest, and those who find them will see only four bits of copper, just alike. It is only the eyes of heaven that see things as they are. Our Lord has looked upon these gifts, and that is why we can see them as they are.'

look to him. It was to help his poor that the money was brought—the poor and ignorant, who need to be taught and helped and clothed in His Name. He leaves it to his people to carry his love to them, and he takes every gift as something done for himself.’

“‘But one of these coins is of lead!’ said the younger angel, his happy face growing startled and pained. ‘Could any earthly child bring lead as an offering to the Lord of Glory?’

“‘The other sighed as he touched the dull metal.

“‘Poor child!’ he murmured. ‘It was a boy who grudged his money and only gave it because he was bidden. He would rather have spent it for sweets or saved it towards some toy. Such a gift could bring only sadness to the dear Lord’s eyes—and at this holy time, too! Poor child! May our Lord lead him higher before another Christmas Day!’

“‘A tear fell from the eye of the younger spirit. ‘I thought that all who came here must surely love our Lord,’ he said, sorrowfully. ‘How could any child lay a leaden offering at the feet of him who blessed the little children long ago! And there is one of copper. What is this?’

“‘That was dropped carelessly into the box by a laughing little girl,’ said the other. ‘Someone had put it into her hand to give, and she gave it with no thought of where it was going or what it might do. Her thoughts were all of the coming festival and of the Christmas-tree to-morrow, and she had no ears for the story of those other children who need her help. She will learn to love the Christ-Child more some day, I think; but now her offering lies here—just a copper cent and nothing more, though the dear Lord smiles upon her still and leaves his blessing on her happy play. But it might have been a happier day still for her, if she had not missed the joy of giving.’

“‘But surely these others at least are of more worth,’ said the younger, his downcast face lighting up as he looked at the shining coins which lay beside the dull ones. ‘Look, this is of the purest silver, and the other is of sparkling gold! It would have been very sad if only lead and copper had lain on the Lord’s table this Christmas Eve!’

“‘The elder angel smiled once more, his eyes growing sweeter as he looked upon the children’s gifts.

“‘They shine so, only since our Lord has looked upon them,’ he said, gently. ‘To-day they were simple copper cents like this other. But this that gleams like silver in the moonlight was given by another little girl, as happy and light-hearted as the first. Her eyes were dancing while she sang, and her thoughts more than once went straying to the Christmas stockings and the gifts she had made for father and mother, and the delight that was to wake with to-morrow’s sunlight. She had her money held tightly in one little hand. Mother had slipped it into her white glove before she left home, just as the other children’s mothers had done, and she had had no care or thought about her offering. But the dear little heart was

full of love for the Lord who gave all the Christmas gladness, and her voice was clear and sweet, with all her heart in it, when the children repeated the Lord's prayer together, and while the pastor talked of the suffering and sorrow which Christ's blessed ones should help, she clasped her penitents closer and whispered, 'I'm glad I've one little bit of help for them!' And just as the coin dropped tinkling upon the others, I caught a little prayer unfolding like a little rose-bud in her happy heart. "God bless all poor little children who don't know about the Lord Jesus, and help everybody to help them. Amen." It was no wonder that the copper changed to silver when the Lord looked down and saw it.'

"The sadness was gone from the listening angel's face. 'And the other?' he said, with a bright smile.

"'The other?' A look of tender awe came into the eyes of the first spirit. 'The other—ah, they laughed when that was added to the rest; but I saw more than the earthly eyes could see, and I wept for joy that our Lord should have so fair a Christmas gift. It was a boy, thin and pale and careworn, who gave that golden penny. Not a pretty boy, or one whom you would think of watching unless you saw the heart. He lives with his mother and three other children in two rooms in the next street. They are very poor, and this year the mother had worked early and late to earn a few extra pennies, so as to make a little happiness for her boys and girls at the holiday time. But the very best she could do was only a little, and this boy knew all that. He is his mother's helper, and they two had talked it over and decided that the little gifts should all go to the younger ones. It was only last night that he earned the five-cent piece which was in his pocket to-day. He kept turning it over while he listened to the speakers, and, like the other children, his thoughts wandered now and then. He thought of how he would slip out early Christmas morning and spend the money as soon as the first store was open, and of how surprised his mother would be to find that he had done his part in making a Christmas for the little ones. I could see his thoughts. He had decided to spend the money for five little frosted cakes such as children love to see in the bakery windows. There would be one for himself and one for the mother.—a real feast; and he was going to ask his teacher for a bit of green to put on each one, to make them "real Christmas cakes," he whispered. I was very happy watching this little boy. And then came the stories of those children of our Lord's love who do not know of their heavenly Friend, and of the good men who live in poverty and hardship for the sake of teaching them, and I saw the boy's eyes grow large and thoughtful as he listened. There were tears in his eyes as the pastor told of all that our Lord gave up for the people of the earth, and of how for their sakes he became poor. The boy drew out his piece of money and looked at it with troubled eyes, without noticing the curious looks of those around him.

“ “After all, I’m a pretty big boy to be caring about cake,” I heard him murmur. “What if I was a preacher out on a prairie in the snow without my money being paid! I’ll just tell them at home that I got something else for myself instead of the cake! One penny isn’t anything much to give up!”

“He looked up into the face of the man who was taking the collection with a little anxious smile. “Could you change five cents, sir?” he said; and he counted over the five pennies which were given him very carefully, before dropping one into the box. The boys around him laughed and nudged each other.

“ “If I couldn’t spare five cents I wouldn’t give any!” whispered one; and when my boy heard it, he flushed and looked troubled; but he has forgotten that now, and is happy with the other pennies under his pillow, ready for his morning visit to the shop; and his one copper cent is worth more than all the rest of the offering, for in the eyes of the Lord Jesus it shines like the finest gold, and the hearts of angels are made glad as they look on it!”

“The other angel bent over the piece of money and breathed a blessing on the heart of the giver. A second tear, bright and pure as a diamond, sparkled in the moonlight as he raised his head, but this one had not fallen in sadness.

“ “Hark! It is midnight!” said his brother. The bells from half a dozen churches were ringing in the festival day as the two spirits passed out into the snowy night.

“ “The Holy Day has begun!” they said solemnly; and lifting their happy voices they sang once more the song once heard from angel lips over the plains of Bethlehem—

“ “GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOODWILL TO MEN.” ”

“I can tell what *that* means,” said Ned slowly, after a pause. “You told that just as if you were reading out of a book, grandmamma. I guess you’d got it all made up in your mind. Well—” He crossed the room slowly and took up the little red mite-box which stood on the table by the window.

“I’ve got some copper offerings in here,” he said, shaking it thoughtfully, “and I guess some silver. I don’t *think* there’s any lead, and I mean to see if I can’t put some gold in some day. Grandmamma, is it true really about the Lord Jesus looking at everything we give? Every little penny?”

“The eyes of the Lord Jesus see every gift brought to Him, and know just what it is worth,” said grandmamma, very gently.

Appointments in October, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Baker, George C., East Ashford, N. Y.
 Bates, John M., Rosette Park, So. Dak.
 Belknap, L., Herrick and Blyville, Neb.
 Byrons, Edward H., Cottonwood, No. Cal.
 Dilley, Samuel, Ford, Kan.
 Earl, Theophilus R., Buena Vista, Colo.
 Edmonds, Thomas M., Webster, So. Dak.
 Forbes, Frank S., Omaha, Neb.
 Fry, Henry B., Sutton, Neb.
 Goodell, John H., Provo, Utah.
 Halbraeben, Henry C., Cortland and Pickrell, Neb.
 Hemenway, W. F., Pratham, N. Y.
 Hill, George, Thompson, Ohio.
 Hogquist, Frank G., Anoka, Minn.
 Jenkins, John J., West Austintown, Ohio.
 Johnston, C. O., Evangelist in No. Dak.
 Jones, Morgan P., Black Diamond and Franklin, Wash. Ter.
 Merrill, Charles N., Evangelist in Minn.
 Noble, Mason, Oriole, Fla.
 Pearson, Benjamin F., Gloversville and Park, Neb.
 Pomeroy, Miss Anna, Teacher, Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Ricker, Albert E., Ogallala, Neb.
 Ross, Albion H., Mazeppa, Minn.
 Seibert, Albert E., Rush Center, Kan.
 Wheat, G. W., Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Woodburn, John A., Netawaka, Kan.

Re-commissioned.

Albert, John H., Stillwater, Minn.
 Appleton, Fayette G., Lake Henry and Hartland, So. Dak.
 Ashmun, Edward H., Denver, Colo.
 Bailey, Amos J., Ogden, Utah.
 Balch, Frederic, Hood River and White Salmon, Or.

Beynon, Reese G., Marietta, Cornerville, M. B. Mos Run, and Cow Run, Ohio.
 Bond, John J., Crown Point, N. Y.
 Brown, Henry C., Springfield, Mo.
 Clarke, Almon T., Atlanta, Ga.
 Collins, Elbert J., Mt. Hope and Haven, Kan.
 Crane, Henry C., Omaha, Neb.
 Davies, John L., Youngstown, Ohio.
 De Long, D. D., Arkansas City, Kan.
 Eldridge, John W., Beaverton, Or.
 Fellows, Charles E., Wadena, Minn.
 Gardner, Nathan E., Hemlingford and Norparell, Neb.
 Grauger, John L., Canton, So. Dak.
 Hadden, Jacob W., Upland and Macon, Neb.
 Hall, George C., Astoria, Or.
 Halliday, Joseph C., Kiowa, Kan.
 Hicks, Lewis W., Pueblo, Colo.
 Houston, Warren H., Silver Creek, Neb.
 Hughes, Benjamin M., Brisban, Penn.
 Hull, Lyman, Flevra and Stafford, Kan.
 Keeler, John W., Columbus, N. Y.
 Keene, Aaron H., New England City, No. Dak.
 La Bach, James M., Wahpeton, No. Dak.
 Lake, Orange E., Mound City, Kan.
 Lundquist, C. J., Miss'y work among the Scandinavians in N. Y. and N. J.
 McGregor, John, Superior and Bay Mills, Mich.
 Mallows, John H., North Java, N. Y.
 Peebles, Arthur W., Fargo, No. Dak.
 Pierce, William W., Springfield, Ohio.
 Ritchie, George, Ketchum, Idaho.
 Sanborne, George M., St. Louis, Mo.
 Sherk, Thomas, Fredonia, Kan.
 Smith, John F., Chapman, Kan.
 Sparrow, Joseph F., Reidsville, Neb.
 Stubbins, William H., Frankfort, So. Dak.
 Uzzell, Thomas A., Denver, Colo.
 Van Auker, Chauncy F., Evangelist in Mich.
 Vetter, John, Eldon, Mo.
 Webber, Edwin E., Mantorville, Minn.

Receipts in October, 1888.

MAINE—\$211.61.

Bath, Winter Street Ch., special	\$150 00
Blue Hill, G. M. Peters	40
Kennebunk, Union Ch., by H. S. Titcomb	31 21
Lovell, by Rev. W. Sandbrook	5 00
Orono, by Rev. C. B. Wathen	25 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$52.52.

Brookline, Cong. S. S., by J. A. Hall	2 69
Candia, A Friend	1 00
Hanover, A few Ladies, by Mrs. C. O. Blaisdell	25 00
New Ipswich, Proceeds of the Children's Annual Fair, by Mrs. L. A. Obeur	4 83
Peterboro, Mrs. M. A. and Miss M. D. Whitney	5 00
Pittsfield, Barnstead Parade Cong. S. S., by H. Rand	8 00
Union Village, Cong. S. S., by E. N. Jenkins	6 00

VERMONT—\$104.47.

Bellows Falls, A Friend	2 00
Bennington, Miss Lillian L. Valentine, special	1 10

Burlington, College Street Ch., by G.

G. Benedict	\$6 18
Castleton, by H. C. Rumsey	1 69
Derby Line, Ella G. Johnson, for Mo. Pelt Fund	00
Jeffersonville, A Friend	1 50
Randolph, Miss Lydia A. Messer	00
Royalton, Mrs. Ira S. Adams, "To send the Gospel to the Poor"	50
St. Johnsbury, Master Joseph Fairbanks, special	00
Vergennes, A Friend	40
Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon	90

MASSACHUSETTS—\$5,602.44; of which Legacy, \$25.00.

Mass. Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.	4,000 00
Amherst, First, by W. Hamlin	75 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. M. Henshaw, Treas.	106 00
Andover, Ladies' Union H. M. Soc., by Charlotte H. Swift	96 50
Bond's Village, Mrs. A. G. Smith, to const. H. A. Smith, F. L. Smith, A. A. Morse and M. E. Orcutt L. Ma., by H. A. Smith	300 00

Woman's Home Miss. Assoc.,	
rah K. Burgess, Treas., for	
Fund.....	\$200 00
d.....	50 00
Mrs. S. A., and Sarah V.	
for Debt.....	5 00
Lillian M. Goodale.....	2 00
etts, A Friend.....	2 00
ett, Legacy of Susannah P.	
by N. Hammond, through	
B. Palmer, Treas.....	25 00
r, by E. Adams.....	21 84
ue, Y. P. S. C. E., by Ellen	
, for Salary Fund.....	25 00
S. C. E.....	50 00
ympton, Mission Circle, by	
ry C. Ripley.....	5 00
ymouth, Y. P. S. C. E., of	
Ch., for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 51
Trinitarian Ch., by D. B.	
.....	110 00
J. H. Wheble.....	1 00
The Ready Workers, by	
ble C. Billings, special.....	8 50
ry, A Widow's Mite.....	2 00
ld, In memory of the late	
enry Fowler and wife, by	
ughter, Mrs. L. Smith Ho-	
.....	200 00
ge, A Lady Friend.....	5 00
e, A Reader of the H. M.....	1 20
H Dutcher.....	5 00
ad, A Friend.....	100 00
Mrs. C. L. Williamson,	
Fund, \$50; special, \$50.....	100 00
okfield, H. W.....	2 00
ingfield, Mrs. J. M. Smith,	
.....	12 00
r, Salem Street, by E.	
Jr.....	41 00
ry Whitcomb, a Thanksgiv-	
ring, special.....	5 00
awyer.....	50 00
LAND.—\$285.45,	
ce, Pilgrim Ch., by H. C.	
.....	275 45
ket, Sarah Aldrich, for Mo.	
nd.....	10 00
ICUT.—\$4,611.49; of which	
, \$2,175.00.	
y Soc. of Conn., W. W.	
Treas., by Rev. W. H.	
Sec.....	100 99
by F. T. Jarman:	
n, Ladies' Cent Soc.,	
l, to const. Mrs. G.	
ampton a L. M.....	\$47 29
aven, United Ch.	
con.....	15 00
ury.....	14 61
.....	77 50
by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss,	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
Ladies, H. M. Soc. of the	
Ch. to const. Mrs. Eugene	
L. M., for Salary Fund.....	80 00
ld, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of	
Ch. by Mrs. E. F. Atwood,	
.....	4 00
, Rev. H. P. Bake, special..	20 00
Harrison.....	10 00
y E. Peck.....	114 55
Mr. H. T. Crosby, \$5; Miss	
Crosby, \$15; Mrs. M. H. Dor-	
\$5.....	25 00
rst, by L. D. Sanford.....	25 00
by H. G. Newton.....	22 77
ton, Friends, Salary Fund..	33 00
by Maria Norton.....	161 61
ces Lyman.....	9 40
, A Friend.....	50

Hartford, Roland Mather.....	\$500 00
Harwinton, by J. S. Peck.....	22 08
Higganum, by Rev. R. J. Gladwin...	29 00
Lakeville, Salisbury, Woman's H.M.	
Soc., special, by Mrs. Williams,	
Treas.....	35 79
Mansfield, Second, by B. F. Koons...	12 00
Meriden, First, by W. H. Catlin,	
special.....	5 50
A. L. M., for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00
Middlefield, Lyman A. Mills.....	100 00
Middletown, From the Estate of the	
late Dea. Selah Goodrich, by Rev.	
A. W. Hazen.....	75 00
New Britain, So. Ch., S. S., by E. H.	
Case.....	22 00
From a class of young men in the	
South Cong. S. S., by Miss E. R.	
Eastman.....	8 25
A. C. Blake, special.....	1 00
New Haven, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of	
First Ch., by Miss E. C. Wadley...	114 00
New London, First Ch. of Christ, by	
C. D. Boss, Jr.....	145 82
Second, by C. E. Reeves.....	491 47
Norfolk, Legacy of Urania B. Hum-	
phrey, by Robbins Battell, Ex.....	\$2,000 00
Putnam, by Rev. A. L. Love.....	22 00
Simsbury, by A. J. Holcomb.....	45 48
Southport, Ch., add'l.....	80 00
Thomaston, Cong. Ch., Dr. W. Wood-	
ruff, by P. Darrow.....	50 00
Washington, Legacy of Samuel Eris-	
ble, by C. N. Beach, Ex.....	100 00
Woodbridge, Cong. Ch., to const.	
Mrs. W. F. Morgan, a L. M., by	
W. M. Beecher.....	54 78

NEW YORK—\$1,471.07.

Received by Rev. A. G. Upton:

Crown Point, Second.....	\$8 55
Gasport.....	5 00
Groton.....	29 00
Sandy Creek.....	12 50
Summer Hill.....	10 00
.....	65 05

Albany, A Friend.....	25 00
Brooklyn, Tompkins Avenue Ch., by	
P. Palmer.....	500 00
Central Ch., H. C. Alger, \$25; P.	
C. Asserson, \$2.....	27 00
Lee Avenue Ch., by W. H. Guy.....	7 10
Nazarine Ch., by Rev. A. J. Henry	
Union Ch., by W. C. Greene.....	13 00
Mrs. Jones, \$5; Mrs. R. H. Jones, \$2	
Cambridge, Mrs. S. M. Odell.....	5 00
Columbus, by Rev. J. W. Keeler.....	7 00
Coventryville, by W. A. Stoddard...	8 20
Crary's Mills, Ch., \$14.50; Sunday-	
school, \$4; by Rev. W. C. Jones...	10 55
Deansville, Ladies' Miss. and Aid	
Soc., by May Miller.....	4 00
East Bloomfield, Ladies of the Cong.	
Ch. for Woman's Dept., by Mrs. H.	
E. Porter.....	18 50
Flushing, Ch., \$231.48; Y. P. S. C. E.,	
Miss Maud May Gould, Treas.,	
\$8.79; Cong. Sunday-school, J.	
Bunting, Treas., \$36.46.....	16 16
Jamesport, Y. P. S. C. E., by F. H.	
Tuthill.....	34 70
Madison, by Rev. B. D. Peck.....	7 40
Moriah, by Rev. L. J. Munro.....	4 60
Morristown, First, by J. More.....	8 86
New Lebanon, Ellen C. Kendall.....	12 88
New York City, Morrisania Sunday-	
school, by H. F. Milans.....	5 00
Mrs. Parker, \$100; Sturges and	
Wescott, \$100.....	27 95
North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows..	200 00
Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmsted..	2 63
Phoenix, First, by J. I. Van Doren..	3 00
Riverhead, by Rev. W. I. Chalmers.	10 27
.....	15 00

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

December

Sherrburne, First, by G. W. Lathrop.
to const. Mrs. Anna R. Bottsford
and Mrs. Ida R. Deitz, L. M.
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch., by H. C.
Hemingway

NEW JERSEY—\$146.46

Bernardsville, Mrs. J. L. Roberts.... \$10 00
Closter, by Rev. G. W. Plack..... 6 06
East Orange, Grove Street Ch., by
R. Hunter..... 23 61
Jersey City, Tabernacle First Ch.,
by E. M. Doane..... 50 25
By Rev. N. M. Sherwood..... 9 70
Westfield, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by
Mrs. H. S. Holmes, of which \$30
special..... 37 84

PENNSYLVANIA—\$106.89.

Alden, Ch., \$2: Rev. D. I. Jones, 50c. 2 50
Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams..... 6 50
Clarendon, by Rev. S. Rowland..... 4 00
Germantown, Cong. Sunday-school,
by Rev. T. W. Jones..... 20 00
Mt. Carmel, Cong. Sunday-school, by
Rev. D. D. Davies..... 10 00
Nanticoke, by Rev. J. G. Evans..... 5 00
Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. John
Evans..... 20 00
Pittston, by Rev. H. J. Whitby..... 10 00
Plymouth, Cong. Sunday-school of
the Pilgrim Ch., by R. S. Williams..... 5 00
Scranton, Plymouth Ch., by T. En-
yon..... 18 89
Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. McCracken..... 5 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$220.00.

Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of
First Ch., by Miss Lizzie Patterson,
Salary Fund..... 20 00
Mrs. W. Pitkin..... 200 00

ARKANSAS—\$5.00.

Siloam Springs, by Rev. V. E. Loba..... 5 00

FLORIDA—\$3.00.

Pomona, Woman's H. M. Soc., for
Mo. Pelt Fund..... 3 00
Melbourne, \$4: Rev. A. B. Dilley, \$1,
by Rev. A. B. Dilley..... 15 00
Correction: Sisco, by Rev. M. C. Welch
[Erroneously acknowledged in Feb.]

TEXAS—\$10.10.

Cleburne, Trinity Cong. Ch., by C. W.
Mertz..... 10 10

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$12.50.

Doaksville, by Rev. A. Gross..... 2 00
Hopkins, by Rev. H. H. Hines..... 4 00
McAllister, by Rev. J. H. Van Dyne..... 5 50

ARIZONA—\$10.80.

Nogales, by Rev. A. T. Liston..... 10 80

OHIO—\$515.16; of which Legacies, \$35.00.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:
Cleveland, Mrs. Helen M. \$5 00
Cocks, well..... 1 00
Miss Emma Johnson.....
Geneva, by W. D. Webster.....
in full, to const. Mrs. H. 32 00
W. Votaw & L. M.
Hudson, by Miss E. E. Met-
calf..... 6 60
Lorain, "A Sister," by Rev.
A. D. Barber..... 10 00
Medina, by H. A. Horn..... 27 23
Paddy's Run..... 33 01
Ruggles, by Rev. A. Bow-
ers..... 13 25
Windham, W. A. Perkins..... 10 00

Received in Sept. by S. P. Churchill,
Treas. Bohemian Board, Cleveland:
Cleveland, First..... \$5 00
First Ch. Dew Drop Mis-
sion Band..... 5 00
Garrettsville, Cong. Sun-
day-school..... 7 76
Richfield, Willing Workers
Mendon, Cong. Sunday-
school..... 5 80

Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts,
Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
Jefferson, F. M. Circle..... \$5 00
Kent, Ladies' Aux..... 11 60
Mt. Vernon, Willing Work-
ers' Cong. Ch. H. M. S..... 15 00
Painesville, L. H. M. S..... 25 00
Plain, W. M. S..... 3 80

Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts,
Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
Ashtabula, L. M. S..... \$3 80
Oberlin, Second, L. S..... 2 50

Austinburg, by S. Reed.....
Canfield, Legacy of P. Edwards, by
G. R. Edwards, Ex.....
Cleveland, Irving Street Ch., by Rev.
R. Qualie.....
Oberlin, First, by H. G. Hosted.....
Twinsburg, Legacy of Lois S. Buell,
by Celestia E. Wilcox, in full, to
const. Celestia E. Wilcox and Car-
rie L. Buell L. Ms.....

INDIANA—\$104.91.

Received by Rev. J. Hayes:
Coal Bluff..... \$1 80
Elkhart, W. H. M. Soc..... 6 00
Fort Wayne, W. H. M. Soc..... 5 00
Michigan City..... 6 00
Roseville..... 1 75

Fairmount, by Rev. W. Wiedenhoft.
Jamestown, by Rev. T. R. Egerton..
Michigan City, First, by J. L. Peck..

ILLINOIS—\$66.00.

Chicago, Miss Lovella Sillence.....
Griggsville, Mrs. Caroline A. Rey-
nolds, to const. Miss Carrie B. Rey-
nolds & L. M.....
Ridge Prairie, Evan. St. John's Ch.,
by Rev. A. Kerr.....
Streator, Woman's Miss. Soc. of
Bridge Street Ch., by Rev. F. G.
Alger.....

MISSOURI—\$335.78.

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas.
W. H. M. Soc.:
Cameron, L. H. M. S. of \$10 00
Cong. Ch.....
Kansas City, L. H. M. S. of 6 06
Clyde Ch..... 100 00
L. H. M. Union of First Ch.
Ozark, L. H. M. S. of River-
dale Ch..... 4 50
Pierce City, Cheerful Work-
ers of First Ch..... 4 30
St. Louis, L. H. M. S. of 130 00
Pilgrim Ch.....
L. H. M. S. of Plymouth 3 00
Ch.....
Rogers, Ark., L. H. M. S. of 1 00
Cong. Ch.....

Alba, by Rev. C. J. Sage.....
Cole Camp and Twin Springs, by
Rev. D. L. Fordney.....

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e, by H. L. Wadleigh....	\$19 25
Ch., \$20.80; Y. P. M. Soc....	
lies' H. M. Soc., \$3.50;	
ite Boxes, \$6.50; by Rev.	
ews.....	40 80
r, Clyde Cong. Ch., by J.	
H. C. Scotford.....	100 56
Sharon, by Rev. J. M.	3 00
by Rev. J. Reuth.....	10 35
tte, by Rev. D. C. McNair	4 00
ria, by Rev. A. W. Wig-	26 22
by Rev. S. Richards.....	10 00
lgrim Ch., by G. L. Day.	8 50
B. Johnston.....	276 00
F. Swab.....	28 00
by Rev. H. C. Brown....	8 34
	5 00

\$1,330.09.

Rev. L. Warren:	
.....	\$20 00
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F. Fisher and Wife	
h \$10, for Foreign	
naw, Mrs. E. Hol-	20 00
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ohn E. Lee.....	10 00
Rev. F. Hurd.....	5 00
	27 41
Mrs. S. F. Hop-	
0; Birthday offer-	
0.....	60 00
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met.....	2 35
ty, Dea. I. W.	100 00
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Sept. by Mrs. E. F. Gra-	
Woman's H. M. Union:	
.....	\$5 00
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pids.....	6 50
unc.....	10 00
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y.....	11 00
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r, Mrs. L. F.	1 00
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o Association:	
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Harbor.....	9 00
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iet.....	5 90
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Mission:	
3. S., \$3; Happy	
ers, \$.....	8 00
N. S. M. Band..	93
ven, S. S.....	5 20
W. H. M. S.....	95
ie, S. S.....	2 50
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Received in Oct. by Mrs. E. F. Gra-	
bill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Allendale, H. and F. M. S..	\$10 00
Almont.....	5 00
Ann Arbor.....	38 40
Bay City.....	10 50
Cadillac.....	11 45
Carson City.....	9 69
Clare.....	7 00
Clinton, W. M. S., \$4; Mite	
Boxes, \$11.....	15 00
Covert, Y. P. S. C. E., for	
Salary Fund.....	6 00
Dorr, \$5; S. S. col., \$4.78..	9 78
Edmore.....	2 54
Essexville.....	2 30
Flint.....	12 00
Grandville, Ladies' Mite	
Soc.....	5 00
Greenville, Y. P. S., for Sal-	
ary Fund, \$10; W. H. M.	
S., \$13.78.....	23 78
Hancock.....	10 00
Kalamazoo.....	26 00
Otsego.....	5 00
Pontiac.....	12 00
Portland, Y. L. F. W. M. S.,	
\$5; Mrs. Warren, 50c.....	5 50
Stanton.....	10 06
Union City.....	10 10
Vernon.....	3 20
	248 22

North Star Mission:

Bay City, Mr. Andrew's S.	
S. Class.....	1 50
Bedford, S. S.....	1 45
Chippewa Lake, Mrs. A. L.	
Hake's S. S. Class.....	1 00
Dundee, S. S.....	2 57
Edmore, S. S.....	2 15
Kalamazoo, Y. P. S. C. E..	4 00
Leroy, Young People.....	6 50
Somerset, S. S.....	2 00
West Branch, S. S., \$1.80;	
Mission Hand, \$1.....	2 30
Growth of Baby Burgess'	
ten cents.....	10 00

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Armada, Ch. and S. S., \$17.80; S. S.	
Birthday Box, \$10.....	27 80
Augusta, by Rev. J. Van Antwerp..	10 53
Bay Mills and Superior, by Rev. J.	
McGregor.....	2 00
Bellaire and Clam Lake, by Rev. H.	
A. Kerns.....	1 63
Benzonia and Gilmore, by Rev. O. B.	
Waters.....	8 19
Bridgman, by Rev. J. J. Bunnell...	17 00
Chester Station, by Rev. D. A. Hol-	
man.....	10 00
Detroit, Woodland Avenue Ch., by	
C. A. Burr.....	45 71
Mrs. George M. Lane, for expense	
of printing Bundle of Papers.....	5 00
East Gilead, Rev. L. Curtis.....	2 25
Eaton Rapids, First Ch., by A. C.	
Dutton.....	78 25
East Saginaw, First, by E. W. Gwynn	
Fulton and Maple Rapids, by Rev.	
W. H. Shannon.....	79 17
Greenville, by E. F. Grabill.....	11 25
Hersey, by Rev. J. G. Hodges.....	100 00
Horton's Bay, W. H. M. S., by Mrs.	
H. G. White, for Mo. Pelt Fund....	7 43
Laingsburg, by J. V. D. Wyckoff....	50
Newaygo, by Rev. W. Burgess.....	9 00
Pierport, by Rev. C. S. Delvin.....	20 45
Pinckney, by J. A. Cadwell.....	6 10
Red Jacket, by Rev. H. Davies.....	8 13
Traverse City, First, by J. G. Johnson	
Wakefield, by Rev. W. Stevens.....	18 79
	10 00
	2 40

IOWA—\$40.50; of which Legacy, \$37.50.

Anita, S. S., by E. E. Major.....	\$2 00
Des Moines, on account of Legacy of Mrs. H. L. Rollins, by L. A. Merrill	37 50
Willie Whitman, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	1 00

MINNESOTA—\$149.94.

Benson and Campbell, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock.....	\$2 50
Detroit and Lake View, by Rev. D. W. Morgan.....	9 00
Dexter, by Rev. H. J. Colwell.....	3 20
Dawson and Madison, by Rev. E. Carter.....	8 00
Hancock and Lake Emily, by Rev. J. M. Smith.....	5 00
Lyle and Rose Creek, by Rev. J. S. Rounce.....	1 25
Minnesota, Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. J. Earl.....	101 99
Rush City, by Rev. D. Nordstrom....	5 00
Rushford, by Rev. O. P. Champlin....	8 00
Sauk Rapids and Upsala, through Rev. M. W. Montgomery.....	6 00

KANSAS—\$431.78.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:.....	
Good Intent, Union S. S.	\$5 00
Kansas Woman's H. M. Soc.	304 71
Lawrence, Ladies of Ply- mouth Ch.	38 00
Wichita, Miss Athel Winan	1 00
	348 71
Bloomington, by Rev. F. G. McHenry	3 13
Buffalo Park and Collyer, by Rev. E. Richards.....	2 30
Chapman, by Rev. J. F. Smith.....	5 00
Cora, by Rev. H. F. Markham.....	12 50
Dunlap, by Rev. G. P. Claffin.....	3 80
Fredonia, by Rev. T. Sherk.....	3 76
Garden City, by Rev. S. Wood.....	2 00
Haven and Mt. Hope, by Rev. E. J. Collins.....	2 08
Hill City, by Rev. N. R. George.....	2 00
Lenora and Wakeman, by Rev. L. V. Slator.....	2 50
Louisville and Mt. Union, by Rev. W. B. Fisher.....	1 00
Manhattan, by J. W. Blain.....	11 16
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake.....	3 25
Neosha Falls, by Rev. M. D. Tenney..	2 19
Rush Center, by Rev. M. Peterson....	1 40
Strong City, by Rev. T. J. Pearson....	7 00
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr.....	3 00
Wano, by Rev. H. H. Avery.....	5 00
White City, by Rev. B. F. Baker.....	10 00

NEBRASKA—\$393.75.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Blair, Senior.....	\$10 00
Junior.....	5 00
Crete.....	9 50
Eagle.....	5 00
Fremont, Senior.....	30 88
Junior.....	12 50
Juvenile.....	10 00
Kensington, Conn.....	100 00
Lincoln, First.....	28 40
Monroe.....	55
Nebraska City.....	11 00
Norfolk.....	20 00
Omaha, First, Senior.....	40 00
Juvenile.....	7 00
Rising City.....	2 75
South Bend.....	5 00
Steele City.....	5 00
Sutton.....	2 00
Upland.....	1 00
Weeping Water.....	13 00
Wisner.....	8 00

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Nebraska, Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. G. E. Taylor.....	\$11 47
Ainsworth, by Rev. T. W. De Long..	7 8
Chadron and Flag Butte, by Rev. G. J. Powell.....	20 00
Crete, by Rev. J. Schaefer.....	2 12
Farnam, by Rev. W. Woolman.....	7 00
Freewater, by W. A. Petteys.....	4 53
Hastings, by Rev. P. J. Falk.....	3 30
Hay Springs, First, by S. Hammond	3 35
Irvington, by Rev. J. T. Otis.....	30 00
Kilpatrick, \$15.70; Plymouth, \$18.35, by Rev. E. Cressman.....	3 05
McCook, by Rev. W. Suess.....	4 50
Mason and Upland, by Rev. J. W. Haddeu.....	7 00
New Hope and Stockholm, by Rev. G. Schnerle.....	1 50
North Bend, by Rev. J. Harrison....	00
Omaha, by Rev. J. A. Milligan.....	00
By Rev. F. S. Forbes.....	00
Reidsville, by Rev. J. P. Sparrow....	00
Rising City, A Friend.....	10 00
Spring Creek, by Rev. P. Weidman..	25
Sutton, by Rev. M. Treiber.....	00

NORTH DAKOTA.—\$309.06, of which Legacy, \$133.34.

Bangor, \$2; Henry, \$3.63, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	63
Cooperstown, by Rev. H. P. James..	25
Harlem, by Rev. H. C. Simmons.....	75
Hope, by Rev. T. W. Thurston.....	50
North Dakota, Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. C. O. Johnston.....	2 50
Wahpeton, Legacy of Mrs. L. H. Porter, by Rev. S. F. Porter.....	13 34
By Rev. J. M. La Bach, for Bohe- mian Work.....	00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$28.67.

Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Vermilion.....	\$5 00
Yankton.....	24 65
	29 65
Bon Homme, by Rev. W. S. Wash- burn.....	75
Columbia, by Rev. E. C. W. Hill....	1 75
Iroquois and Esmond, by Rev. A. J. Drake.....	00
La Grange, by Rev. D. B. Nichols....	2 02
Lake Preston, by Rev. A. H. Rob- bins.....	1 00
Mitchell, by Rev. A. A. Brown.....	2 50
Springfield, by Rev. C. Secombe....	00

COLORADO—\$26.10.

Received by Rev. C. M. Sanders:	
Montrose.....	\$3 75
Silverton.....	20 00
	23 75
Colorado Springs, P. J. Atkinson, "Fern Tithe Money".....	1 25
Denver, by Rev. A. W. Coffman....	1 00

WYOMING—\$3.00.

Becton, Big Horn and Sheridan, by Rev. S. J. Jennings.....	3 00
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MONTANA—\$20.00.

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MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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Cumberland Center, Ch., by Rev. D. Greene.....	33 00
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North Ellsworth, by Mr. C. H. Pease.....	5 00
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Seamen's Bethel, by J. M. Gould.....	10 00
Pownal, Ch., by T. C. Richards.....	10 29
Rockland, Ch., by E. M. Stubbs, Tr.....	22 20
Rumford, Ch., by Mr. Thomas McBriar.....	8 02
Saccarappa, Ch., by H. P. Murch, Tr.....	52 96
San Francisco, from Miss S. M. N. Cummings.....	20 00
South Berwick, Ch., by J. H. Plummer, Tr.....	50 00
Sumner Hill, Friends, by S. G. Cushman.....	6 00
Temple, Ch. and Soc., by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	7 40
Upton, Ch., by J. T. Nichols.....	5 07
Whiting, Ch., by Mr. John C. Hall.....	1 50
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary.....	65 00
Income from Stocks, etc.....	281 00
	\$1,118 22

Previously acknowledged..... 1,769 70

Total receipts from June 13 to date \$2,887 92

VERMONT WOMAN'S H. M. UNION.

Received by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union, Vt.

Barre, coll.....	\$1 85
Bennington, Union.....	5 00
Miss A. C. Park, to const. herself a L. M.....	20 00
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Ad'l.....	\$5 00
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Pittsford, Ladies' H. M. Soc. Randolph, Homeland Circle, to const. Mrs. C. T. Conant and Mrs. M. E. Nutting L. M.....	5 00
Ad'l.....	40 00
St. Johnsbury, Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, to const. herself a L. M.....	6 52
Windsorham, Ladies Soc. for Home Missions.....	20 00
	8 50

\$219 27

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in Oct. REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. L. Jones.....	\$15 16
Billerica, Orth., by J. F. Bruce.....	32 00
Boston, "B. and L.".....	5 00
Dorchester, Second, by Miss E. Tolman.....	71 66
By Miss E. Tolman, for A. H. M. S. S. S. Collection by Miss E. L. Tolman.....	21 36
Eayrs, Emily P. to enlarge "E. P. E. Fund,".....	500 00
Roxbury, Highland, by E. M. Lamson.....	85 00
Walnut Ave., add'l.....	25 00
West, South Evan., by J. H. Guild.....	32 82
Boxford, West, by Rev. C. L. Hubbard.....	6 85
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.....	54 76
Cambridge, A Friend, "Mite toward the \$100,000".....	1 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.....	27 69
Carver, North, by Theron Cole.....	33 00
Charlemont, East, by Rev. R. M. Taft.....	19 75
Chatham, by Rev. L. P. Atwood.....	10 00
Chelsea, First, by H. W. Jeffers, for A. H. M. S.....	36 00
Chester, Center, by Rev. Chas. Morgan.....	7 50
Second, by E. O. Redfield.....	20 42
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.....	3 03
Dedham, "X," for A. H. M. S.....	20 00
Deerfield, A. C. Williams, by Rev. R. M. Taft.....	1 00
Derby Line, Vt., Ella G. Johnson, for French Prot. Coll.....	2 00
Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright.....	90 80
Falmouth, A Friend, for French Evan. Work.....	5 00
North, by Ward W. Eldredge.....	25 00
Fitchburg, C. C., by H. A. Hill, for A. H. M. S.....	134 32
Rollstone, by W. E. Clifford, L. M.....	217 80
Gloucester, West, by Rev. L. Jones.....	10 00
Great Barrington, First, by I. R. Prindle.....	107 27
Groton, Ladies, by Mrs. W. A. Moore, freight.....	2 00
Hamjden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Treas.....	20 00
Agawam.....	32 33
Holyoke, First.....	550 00
Second, to const. eleven L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	17 53
Ludlow.....	100 00
Palmer, Second.....	90 00
Springfield, First.....	22 53
Olivet.....	

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eld, Second. 58 87

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by J. W. Bacon 22 75
l for French Evan. Work 10 00
A friend, by Rev. H. Seymour 2 00
by C. J. Kittredge 9 81
by T. E. Andrews 142 00
Miss A. B. Lord 5 00

Union Grove, by Rev. S. B.

3 32

Phoebe A. Mills, to const. her-

L. M. of A. H. M. S. 50 00

d, South, by Rev. H. L. Brickett

A Friend, to const. Gordon

Wellman and Henry Wellman

M. S. of A. H. M. S. 100 00

by Herbert Porter 62 00

d, Orth., by Mrs. Jacob Ide 11 07

sett, by Rev. F. L. Goodspeed

r, Susannah P., Est. of, by N.

ond, executor for A. H. M. S. 25 00

West, Second, S. S. Claas, by

L. Rogers, special for Mrs. J.

kett, White Water Col. 1 20

First Parish, by Jacob Emer-

24 63

igelow, Mrs. Elizabeth, Est. of,

ancis C. Bigelow 200 00

y, First, Ladies' H. M. Society,

as A. M. B. Little 25 00

report, North, by J. B. Creasy..

em, by Rev. A. R. Plumer 40 58

Elliot, by D. E. Snow 8 00

by F. H. Scudder for A. H. M. S.

nds, by Seward N. Jones 100 00

ville, Central, by E. W. Greene,

H. M. S. 148 06

idge, Rockdale, by Rev. J. H.

219 09

Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W.

Dean, freight 5 00

N. H. Mrs. E. W. Tyler, freight

Atlantic, by Rev. R. M. Taft..

er, North, by Rev. S. B. An-

4 63

t, by Zeno A. Appleton 33 67

Cove, by Rev. W. W. Parker 6 05

n, First, by Rev. J. W. Shaw..

eld, by Rev. A. W. Field 54 60

lle, Broadway, by G. W. S.

4 45

Golden Rule Missiou Band,

H. Marsh, special for James-

Dak. S. School 10 00

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Orth., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by

P. Stetson 32 50

r, Trin., by E. C. Chase 25 00

t, Mrs. Mary P. Allen 25 00

t, Pacific Union S. S., by J. C.

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Benev. Soc., by Mrs. R. L.

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th, South, Second, by Rev. H.

ord. 26 00

und, Income 362 50

a, by W. R. Vining 100 00

am, North, Grace Union, by H.

ter 1 00

town, First, by Chas. S. Cole.

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ter, First, by Eugene Tappan.

Skilling's annuity, by C. E.

nt. 7 00

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er, Piedmont, by C. F. Marble,

S. M. S. 25 00

35 00

Pilgrim, by Rev. R. M. Taft. \$15 00
Plymouth, by Jonas White, (of which
34 20 for Woman's Dep't) 174 28
Union, by S. Newton 223 47
Whitcomb, David, Fund, Income 36 00

\$6,252 22
Home Missionary 3 45
\$6,255 67

*Donations of Clothing, etc. received and reported
at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss. Society
in October.*

Boston, Dorchester Village, by Miss J.

K. Wight, barrel and freight. \$155 00

Fall River, Central, Ladies, by Mrs.

Geo. S. Eddy, box. 314 00

Globe Village, Ladies, by Mrs. A. H.

Wheeler, two barrels, unappraised..

Groton, Ladies, by Mrs. W. A. Moore,

barrel (and cash * for freight \$2.00).

Hingham, Ladies, by Mrs. Chas. Bates,

barrel, cash, and freight. 71 25

Hopkinton, A few Ladies, by Mrs.

Sarah B. Crooks, barrel. 56 15

Lincoln, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs.

Julia A. Bemis, barrel. 96 77

Medway, West, Second, Ladies' Char.

Soc., by Mrs. G. H. Hixon, barrel..

Millbury, Second, Ladies, by Mrs. E. S.

Ewell, two boxes, unappraised 72 62

Pelham, N. H., Mrs. E. W. Tyler, barrel

unappraised (cash * for freight \$2.00).

Quincy, Ladies, by Miss E. F. Merrill,

two barrels, books, freight, and Y.

P. S. C. E., cash, \$10.00. 117 58

Randolph, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs.

Wm. Porter, box. 54 00

Southville, Mrs. M. P. Clifford, over-

coat, unappraised. 80 00

Warren, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. J.

W. Hastings, barrel and cash, \$50.00

Waverly, Mrs. Daniel Butler, fur col-

lars, cuffs, etc., unappraised. 89 73

Westboro, Ladies' Sewing Society, by

Mrs. Susan M. Miller, barrel and

freight. 91 70

West Brookfield, Ladies' H. Miss. Soc.,

by Mrs. A. L. Brown, barrel, box,

freight, and cash, \$25.00. 65 00

Weymouth and Braintree Union, L. B.

S., by Mrs. R. L. Hunt, barrel and

cash * for freight \$1.00. 138 59

Winchendon, Ladies, by Mrs. C. C.

Parker, box. 129 43

Worcester, Plymouth, Ladies, by Miss

S. C. Fitch, barrel and freight. \$1,557 60

* Acknowledged in statement of "Receipts

etc."

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTI-
CUT.**

*Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecti-
cut in October, WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.*

Bethany, by Clark Hotchkiss. \$10 00

Branford, Stony Creek, by Dea. Jas. W.

Tucker. 10 00

Brookfield, by Alfred Somers, for A. H.

M. S. 25 77

East Lyme, Niantic, by Rev. C. W.

Hanna. 6 60

Farmington, Unionville, by Geo. Dun-

ham. 14 20

Haddam, First, by Edward W. Hazen

Ledyard, Rev. John Avery and family

15 08

5 00

Marlborough, by Wm. W. Bolles.....	\$21 72
New Britain, South, by W. H. Hart, \$228.85; Special Do. \$8 75; to const. Augustus P. Collins, Geo. D. Cop- ley, Mrs. Harriet N. Merwin, and Mrs. Nellie B. Fielding, all of New Britain, L. Ms.; and \$50 from Dea. David N. Camp, to const. David Camp Rogers, of New Britain, a L. M.	287 60
Bethany, Swedish, by Ludwig Odin	10 00
New Haven, Dixwell Ave., by W. H. Ransom.....	10 00
Westville, by Rev. J. L. Willard...	28 21
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, jr.,	58 95
New London, Second, by Chas. E. Reeves.....	350 00
Norfolk, by Rev. John De Feu	50 00
Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn \$12.16; for A. H. M. S. \$12.16.....	24 32
Ridgefield, Ridgebury, by Mary G. Reynolds.....	10 00
Sherman, by M. G. Gelston	11 00
Stonington, Second, by Jos. E. Smith.	29 49
Thomaston, by P. Darrow.	13 90
Thompson, by J. W. Dike, \$3.15; Rev. Alanson Rawson, personal, to consti- tute Rev. Geo. H. Cummings a L. M., \$50; for A. H. M. S. \$28.35.....	81 50
Trumbull, by Rev. N. T. Merwin, for A. H. M. S.	34 71
Windham, Willimantic, by a friend, M. E. W.	10 00
Windsor, First, by S. H. Barter, to const. Sam. A. Wilson, of Windsor, Conn. a L. M.	51 85
Woodstock, West Woodstock, by Rev. G. E. Chapin.....	14 00
	\$1,188 95

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society
in September and October, AARON B. MEAD,
Treas.

Albion, Union Ch., O. S. Rice, special.	\$10 00
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" Olive Ch., James Green, special	10 00
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Batavia.	55 68
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Bowen, W. H. M. Union, for Bohemian Work.	11 60
Brimfield.....	4 00
Bureau.....	22 68
Chicago, New England Ch., Ladies' Miss. Soc.	50 00
Leavitt St. Ch., Ladies' Miss. Soc.	22 55
Lincoln Park Ch.	33 83
Tabernacle Ch.	7 00
De Pue.	25 60
Dover.....	13 50
Elgin, First Cong'l Ch.	67 11
Evanson " " "	186 17
Galesburg " " "	100 00
Garden Prairie, W. H. M. Society.....	3 53
Additional.	8 24
Granville, Young People's Miss Soc.	10 00
Greenville, \$11; Hyacinth Mission Circle, \$2.25.....	19 25
Hinsdale, Woman's Miss. Society.....	15 47
Illini.	4 60
Joy Prairie, M. O. Matthews.....	10 00
La Mollie.	15 85
Lawn Ridge, "A Friend".....	25 00
Lyonsville	9 81
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New Haven, ".....	8 00
Oak Park.....	186 57
Sunday School.....	26 77
Olmstead, special.....	1 62
Ottawa, First Cong. Ch.....	53 00
Payson.....	15 00
Port Byron, W. H. M. Union.....	10 00
Princeton.....	20 00
Ridge Prairie, Evan., St. John Ch.....	0 00
Stillman Valley, Lovejoy Johnson, special.....	0 00
Stonefort, special.....	0 00
Toulon, "Lamplighters".....	0 00
Waukegan, Ebenezer Ch.....	0 00
Western Springs.....	0 01
Wilmette.....	30 30
Woodburn, special.....	0 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Eddington.....	0 00
Rev. Charles Slater.....	0 00
Dea. A. L. Sturges, for Mrs. C. E. Sturges, deceased.....	100 00
Wyoming.....	0 01
Cash, special.....	50 00
A Friend, special.....	20 04
Ill. W. H. M. Union.....	62 53
Rev. W. A. Nichols, Lake Forest.....	0 00
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mis- sion.....	2 25
W. E. Sandford, Chicago.....	10 00
Rev. W. A. Moore, Downer's Grove.....	50 00
	\$1,917 91

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society
in September, J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.

Alton.....	\$14 00
"A Friend".....	800 00
Belmond, \$13.10; S. S., \$5.....	18 10
Bethel.....	2 85
Cedar Rapids.....	2 60
Central City, \$29.22; North Division, \$49.34.....	78 56
Charles City, L. M. S.	10 00
Chester Center.....	11 57
Cincinnati.....	4 42
Clarjon.....	8 16
Clay.....	15 15
Cromwell, \$7.20; L. M. S., \$3.30.....	10 56
Denmark.....	10 00
Des Moines, Plymouth, Ladies.....	77 43
Earlville.....	27 00
East Welsh Assoc.....	14 00
Fort Dodge, S. S.	6 60
Green Mountain, H. M. S.	4 15
Independence.....	20 00
Lansing Ridge, German.....	5 00
Le Mars, Y. P. S. C. E., \$10.50; L. M. S., \$5.....	15 80
Long Creek, Mrs. Mary Jones.....	1 00
Mason City, L. M. S.	4 45
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New Providence, Midland, Ladies.....	0 00
Ogden, Rev. D. D. Tibbits.....	0 00
Onawa, Thank-offering.....	0 50
Parkersburg.....	0 00
Perry.....	0 00
Peterson.....	0 50
Pleasant Prairie.....	0 00
Rockford, L. M. S.	0 00
Sheldon, L. M. S.	0 00
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Stacyville, W. M. S.	59 00
Sloan.....	0 00
Stuart, W. H. & F. M. S.	0 00
Tabor, \$5; W. H. M. S., \$15.....	0 00
Waverly.....	43 00
Wells, Ladies.....	0 00
	\$1,117 00

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Un-acknowledged	\$7,022 31
Barrington, \$35; Kent, \$30	115 00
Washington, Washington	20 00
	150 00
Boston, \$300; Mitten-	
Wellesley, \$50	275 00
Bert, \$6; Greenville, \$10	16 00
	\$7,598 37

LADIES' SWEDISH FUND.

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	\$15 00

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Un-acknowledged	\$2,619 90
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Wilmington, Mass., E. Harmon	25 00
W. Massachusetts, H. Merriam	100 00
Bridgeport, Conn. (C. M. M.)	10 00
Brimfield, Mass., S. S.	10 00
Providence R. I. (N. Marsh)	5 50
Greenwich, Conn. (W. M. B.)	10 00
Three Cowboys	10 00
W. Springfield, (E. H. K.)	25 00
Mittineague, Mass. (H. A. G.)	25 00
Mrs. Horace Kibbe	25 00
Mrs. Harriet Kibbe	10 00
Mrs. D. J. Bartlett	10 00
Pilgrim Miss. S. S., Dorchester	5 00
Y. P. M. Circle, Gilbertville	5 00
Pittsburg, Spaulding Class, and D.	25 00
Bridgeport, Conn.	10 00
Belle Plaine, Ia.	10 00
Springfield, Mass. (W. F. F.)	25 00
W. H. M., Minneapolis	25 00
St. Johnsbury, Vt.	100 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Peterborough, N. Y.	10 00
East Troy, N. Y.	1 00
Derry	1 00
W. H. M. of Mass.	10 00
Lady Friend	5 00
One hundred Colored Children	5 00
W. H. M. S., Lady, for a Student	50 00
M. Marty, Kansas City	100 00
Broad Brook, Y. P. S. C. E.	25 00
Suffolk, Ct., Y. P. S. C. E.	10 00
Bethel Bohemian S. S.	20 00
Per E. B. Palmer	10 00
Foxboro, Mass	25 00
Worcester, Mass	25 00
S. Windsor, Conn	10 00
S. S., Roxbury, Conn	5 00
E. S. Williams, Minneapolis	25 00
Norwich, Conn	50 00
Colchester, Conn	25 00
Pawtucket, Cong. Ch.	100 00
Branford, Conn	20 00

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organized August, 1805.
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organized September, 1872.
E. S. Williams, 1729 11th Avenue
Minneapolis.
Katherine T. Plant, 2631 Port-
d Avenue, Minneapolis.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield, Min-
neapolis.

MAINE.**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY AUXILIARY,
Organized June, 1880.**

President, Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Ber-
wick.

Secretary, Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-
mond St., Bangor.

Treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 25 Grove St.,
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MICHIGAN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1881.
President, Mrs. George M. Lane, 47 Miami Ave.,
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Secretary, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

KANSAS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized October, 1881.
President, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.
Secretary, Mrs. George L. Eppa, Topeka.
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OHIO.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1882.
President, Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, 417 Sibley St.,
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Secretary, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin.
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Secretary, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead.
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NORTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized November, 1883.
President, Mrs. A. J. Pike, Dwight.
Secretary, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized July, 1884.
President, Mrs. G. H. Atkinson, Portland, Or.
Secretary, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla,
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized September 1884.
President, Mrs. T. M. Hills, Sioux Falls.
Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Young, Sioux Falls.
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
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Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St.,
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized May, 1885.
President, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 3006 Pine St., St.
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Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Cook, 4145 Bell Ave., St.
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1885.
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Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington
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Organized June, 1886.
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized October, 1887.
President, Mrs. J. K. McLean, Oakland.
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WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized November, 1887.
President, Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, 1216 H St., Lin-
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Secretary, Mrs. L. F. Berry, 724 No. Broad St.,
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FLORIDA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized February, 1888.
President, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.
Secretary, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. C. Partridge, Longwood.

INDIANA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1888.
President, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Michigan City.
Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Mossman, Fort Wayne.
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Organized May, 1888.
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Organized June, 1888.
President, Mrs. A. B. Swift, 101 Elmwood Ave.,
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Organized October, 1888.
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Secretary, Mrs. Sidney Packard, Pueblo, Colorado.
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J. W. MOORE.

THE
HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....Rom. x. 15.

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JANUARY, 1889.

No. 9.

WORK IN THE SIXTY-SECOND YEAR.

APRIL 1, 1887, TO MARCH 31, 1888.

REGULAR Cash Receipts,	\$548,729.87
Regular Cash Payments,	511,641.86
gratuitous Supplies to Missionaries, received	
and appropriated,	67,259.00
Number of Home Missionaries in service in	
42 States and Territories,	1,584

these, in New England, **387**; Middle States, **110**; Southern **40**; Southwestern States, **104**; Western States and Territories, on the Pacific Coast, **131**.

reached to congregations of Scandinavians, **45**; Germans, **35**; **26**; Bohemians, **23**; Frenchmen, **6**; Colored people, **5**; Mexicans; Indians, **2**; Chinese, **2**; Danes, **1**; Spaniards, **1**.

Churches and Stations <i>regularly</i> supplied,	3,084
stations supplied <i>occasionally</i> , more than	1,000
new Churches organized,	130
Churches brought to self-support,	59
hopeful Conversions reported,	8,120
additions to Aided Churches: On Confession,	
6,310; by Letter, 3,702,	10,012
houses of Worship and Chapels built,	131
personages built,	33
young Men in aided churches preparing for the	
Ministry,	87
Sunday-schools organized,	288
scholars taught in them,	129,462

WORK IN SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

ENDING MARCH 31, 1888.

THE Society began its work in 1826, with 169 missionaries, of whom 129 wrought in the Middle States, 33 in the Western, 5 in the Southern, 1 in New England, and 1 in Canada, where the work was transferred, in 1844, to the British Colonial Missionary Society. The gain has been gradual and fairly steady, save for the total cessation of work at the South in the years 1859-1865 and its later rise there so rapid as to employ 123 missionaries in 1885, (now 144).

The first missionaries were sent to Wisconsin and Iowa, in 1835; to Oregon, in 1846; California and Minnesota, in 1849; Kansas, 1854; Nebraska, 1855; Colorado, 1863; Utah, 1865; Dakota, 1867; Washington Territory, 1870; Nevada and Idaho, 1871; Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, 1881.

In these sixty-two years the regular cash outlay has been \$12,135.422.07; extra supplies received and appropriated, more than \$1,100,000. Years of labor performed, 42,149. Additions to aided churches, 355,985. Churches organized (of which many were, and some are Presbyterian), 4,951; brought to self-support, 2,430.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

FOR money borrowed to promptly pay the missionaries for summer and autumn work, there are still due the banks \$95,000, of which \$30,000 are secured by the Swett Exigency Bonds, which should be kept intact, and increased, as a basis for obtaining loans when needed. Of this sum \$10,000 are due January 1st, and \$15,000, January 25th. Besides this, there are due the missionaries, for work done and reported, up to this day (Dec. 6th) fully \$20,000, the Executive Committee feeling that further borrowing for the present is not wise. Neither these dues to the missionaries nor those notes at the banks can be paid any faster than the friends, whose debt this is, shall send in the money. We regret to say that the remittances of these friends are this year delayed longer than usual. The contributions for the eight months, from April 1st to November 30th, fall nearly \$17,000 behind those in the same months of last year. This deficiency, added to a falling off of more than \$27,000 in legacies during the same time, is very seriously embarrassing the work. Shall not their knowledge of the exact situation move the friends of the Society to immediate and liberal action? Surely the abler churches and individual supporters of Home Missions do not mean to contract

he work; nor are they willing that their brethren representing them in hard Western fields shall face the winter without the meager salaries they have so nobly earned. Once more we ask, What will you have us do? What will you do? ONE, infinitely just, whose stewards we all are, and who tenderly loves his consecrated home missionary brethren and their work, sits over against the Treasury, waiting for your response.

THE gift by Mr. Daniel Hand to the American Missionary Association, of more than a million of dollars for primary, industrial, and normal educational work among the colored people of the South, is one to fill every lover of his country with gratitude and joy. The American Home Missionary Society adds its congratulations to the many already expressed. May the noble organization that is so fittingly made, the almoner of this great bounty abound yet more and more in the gifts and prayers of the friends of Christ and of humanity.

GOOD CHEER FROM OBERLIN.—The daily spectacle of an empty treasury is not exhumating. The responsibility for 1,048 men standing unflinchingly at their posts, is not a light one,—but when appeals continue to come in for gospel work in dark places not yet reached, the situation becomes heart-sickening.

Upon this dark background has been thrown a flash of light through the medium of a message from Rev. Dr. Brand of Oberlin, whose church has just fulfilled its part of the pledge made at Saratoga toward the extra \$100,000 for new work. In response to the recent circular of this Society, his people took up a *special collection* of nearly \$700. This is good, but how it strengthens our faith when he adds, "Our people are thoroughly moved on the subject, and are praying for the long-suffering Missionaries, and for a GENERAL MOVEMENT in behalf of Home Missions." This contribution is not to interfere with the annual pledges through their weekly offerings.

While writing these words a *golden ray* illumines the cloud: "A thank-offering from The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Missouri," of \$311 in GOLD, with a text: 1 Chron. 29; 13, 14.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Our hearts are touched by one other message, to-day; this time from Home Missionary in Kansas. "I deeply regret the condition of your treasury, not so much for my own sake, as for the sake of the work of Christ. I cannot help much—but I can surely help a little. Please take \$25 from my salary, as a contribution to your Society at this time."

HOME MISSIONARY CALENDAR.

A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR TWENTY-FIVE CENTS!—Recent visitors to the rooms of the Society at the Bible House have lost no time in presenting the required “quarter,” and securing our HOME MISSIONARY CALENDAR for 1889. This artistic gem has been prepared with rare skill and delicacy by Mrs. S. E. Eastman, Canandaigua, N. Y. The design is typical, and consists of a group of worshipping cherubs,—suggested by Sir Joshua Reynolds’ painting—at whose right, in elegant architecture, rises the spire of the Giving Church in strong contrast with its beneficiary below, the unadorned little frontier house of worship, with its peculiar environments. A block on one side from which the day’s sentiment can be easily read, completes this graceful souvenir. The sentiments consist of short, pithy, helpful selections from our best writers upon Home Missions. As the supply is limited, we suggest an early application for this Calendar to the American Home Missionary Society, 34 Bible House, New York City.

THE Bohemian Bible Readers’ Home, No. 1572 Broadway, Cleveland, was illuminated Wednesday evening, when a reception was given to the friends of the institution. The house was rented in September for the purpose of opening a school wherein the Bible could be taught to young Bohemian women, who in turn could visit their countrywomen in different parts of the city as missionaries. The home has been furnished through the kindness of the ladies of the Congregational churches of Cleveland, Case Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the Congregational ladies’ societies of Wellington, Elyria, and Hudson. Among the pastors who attended the reception were Rev. H. A. Schauflier, Dr. Leavitt, and Rev. H. M. Tenney.

IN addition to his regular labors, Superintendent Eversz is getting out a German Church Manual, a combination of that of Rev. James Tompkins, and Rev. T. E. Davies, “turned into German.” He is also trying to raise \$1,000 to secure the transfer of the German paper “Der Kirchenbote” to Chicago. Dr. G. A. Zimmermann will be editor-in-chief, assisted by Prof. H. M. Scott, Rev. H. Hess, and Superintendent Eversz. This seems to be a move in the right direction.

WITH the exception of the Log Church at Alba, kindly loaned by Rev. Dr. Cobb, we are indebted for the illustrations in this issue to the cordial good nature and magic pencil of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.

BOOKS for a Sunday-school library are wanted at Longwood, Florida.

HOW TO RAISE MONEY FOR A MISSIONARY CAUSE.

THE HOME MISSIONARY for November, page 315, contains an answer *"A Layman"* to a Vermont Pastor's question, "How to raise money for the missionary cause."

I also am a layman, and wish to indorse the suggestions of my brother as to the necessity of preaching missionary sermons, etc. It is enough that the masses of church members are not informed as to work or needs of the seven great benevolences of our churches, and also true enough that the pastors might do very much more than do to cultivate an interest in these various causes. I like the answer my brother gives, and aim in this to add to his remarks, and not to revise him.

Laymen should remember :

1. That the pocket-books are ours. That we and our fellows are ones who are ignorant of, stolid about, and possibly hostile to missionary encroachments. We are the ones who sneer at the minister's ordinary presentations, and intimate to him when he preaches missionary sermons, that "a little of that will go a good ways," "that missions tell enough, of course, but that the great forces of our modern civilization—our schools, books, culture, etc.—are fast spreading over the earth, and removing the necessity for such missionary efforts as our fathers made." We are the men who thus "throw cold water" on the minister's efforts, and then give our money to build monuments, decorate squares, establish chairs of science in colleges, erect memorial halls, etc.,

Not that these things should not be done, but rather that the missionary duty should not be left undone.

Laymen should remember :

2. That our pastors are human ; that they desire to please ; like to be popular ; do not feel that it is wise to offend their congregations as to matters outside of preaching the Gospel ; in short, will not push missionary or other financial schemes beyond the personal interests of the individual church, unless they are sure we are willing to have them pushed. If the pastor is to preach missionary sermons, urge collections, rustle benevolences in the ears of the people, he must be assured of backing from the pews, or we laymen might as well take notice that he will not sustain the causes.

Laymen should remember :

3. That we "are the power behind the throne." That God Himself sustains this mission work. That "one with God is a majority." That a single consecrated layman in a congregation of 1,000 can begin efforts in behalf of missions, and with reasonable push and wisdom very soon so popularize the missionary idea as to ride down all opposition (if there is opposition), or arouse from apathy (if apathy is the

form taken), and make the missionary idea as much a necessity as the gospel idea. He can secure, and distribute the literature of the various benevolences among those who will read.

He can interest his wife and children, his cousins and his aunts. He can talk it up with his neighbors, and pray over it in secret and in prayer meeting. He can weave it into his Sunday-school lesson, and plead for special mission services, such as concerts and special days.

He can greatly aid in the organization of missionary societies in his church, both among adults and children, and create such an atmosphere that the pastor will gladly enter in—such an atmosphere as will stifle coldness and sneers. He can have faith that God is with him and will give the increase.

It is not the intention to lay all the burden upon the laymen. The pastor, if he will, can greatly aid in securing the activity of such a layman. Neither can be successful alone; each needs the other. It is creditable to a pastor to be able to find such men, and it is creditable to the laymen to put life into this work.

Let us hope the time is not distant when both pastors and laymen will be wiser and more active than now.—*Another Layman.*

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—IV.

REV. LEROY WARREN

SUPERINTENDENT of Home Missions in MICHIGAN, was born in Pittsfield, Ohio, May 14th, 1838, the eldest of the five children of Alanson and Clarissa J. (Baxter) Warren. His father was a native of Tyringham, Berkshire Co., Mass., a descendant of John Warren, who came from England to Watertown, Mass., about 1630. His mother was of Scotch-Irish stock, a native of Sheridan, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. His father died near Oberlin, Ohio, in 1871. His mother is still living at Lawrence, Kansas. About 1848 his parents removed to a farm in Russia Township, Lorain Co., Ohio, three miles from the college at Oberlin. In 1852 he commenced his preparation for college, walking six miles daily during term time for the next six years to attend recitations. Graduating from college in 1858, he commenced theological study at Oberlin, teaching two hours daily in the preparatory department of the college. He anticipated his graduation in theology a few weeks by enlisting for three years in Company C of the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the first company made up in Oberlin. Taken prisoner by the rebels at Cross Lanes, West Virginia, in August, 1861, he spent the next ten months in prisons at Richmond, New Orleans, and Salisbury, N. C. Paroled in June, 1862, he was sent to New York, and there discharged on account of his parole. He returned to Oberlin, and after a few weeks responded to a call from

Rev. Herbert A. Reed, Superintendent of Home Missions in Michigan, to occupy a new field in the Grand Traverse region, accompanying his college classmate, John H. Crum. As the two young missionaries were going to a region supposed to be beyond the reach of ecclesiastical fellowship, the two Oberlin churches called a council and had them ordained (Oct. 12, 1862) before sending them out. Mr. Warren settled in Antrim County, which was then an unorganized appendage of Grand Traverse County. He was at the time the only minister in the county. He continued six years in this field, gathering two churches, and securing the building of a house of worship, the first one built in the Grand Traverse region except the chapels at the Indian missions. In 1863 he assisted in the organization of Grand Traverse Association, and became its scribe, and represented it in the National Council at Boston in 1865.

In the summer of 1868, upon the retirement of Rev. Herbert A. Reed from the superintendency of Home Missions in Michigan, it was decided to have two superintendents in the State. Mr. Warren was called to the superintendency of Northern and Western Michigan, and removed to Pentwater for the sake of better facilities for travel. At that time Northern Michigan was almost destitute of railways, and traveling was mostly done by private conveyance. In the summer, the steamers around the shores of the lakes were made use of to some extent. In 1875 the new railways radiating from Grand Rapids, indicating that city as the best point for the residence of the Superintendent of Missions for Western and Northern Michigan, Mr. Warren removed thither. In 1878 the Society decided to have but one superintendent in Michigan, and for ten years past Mr. Warren's field has included the whole State, and he has resided at Lansing. During the twenty years since Mr. Warren first became superintendent, the number of Congregational churches in the State has increased eighty per cent.; the Congregational church membership one hundred and thirteen per cent.; the membership of the Sunday-schools one hundred and fifty-five per cent.; and the reported benevolences of the churches, two hundred and twenty-six per cent.

The penny-post has just left this letter at my door:

"Dear Brother.—Please explain for me the term 'slicker,' used in your account of a stage-ride, in *The Home Missionary* for May. I am furnishing material for a new English dictionary in preparation at Oxford, England. I have spotted your word as a new one, etc."

Am I awake, or do I dream? Think of it! The compiler of a new dictionary to be published at Oxford, England, reads *The Home Missionary*! He reads even "The Picnic Parish" with "profitable interest." I hasten to send this bit of good news that our editor may be thereby congratulated and encouraged.—*Superintendent Sanders, Colorado.*

HOME MISSIONS IN MICHIGAN.

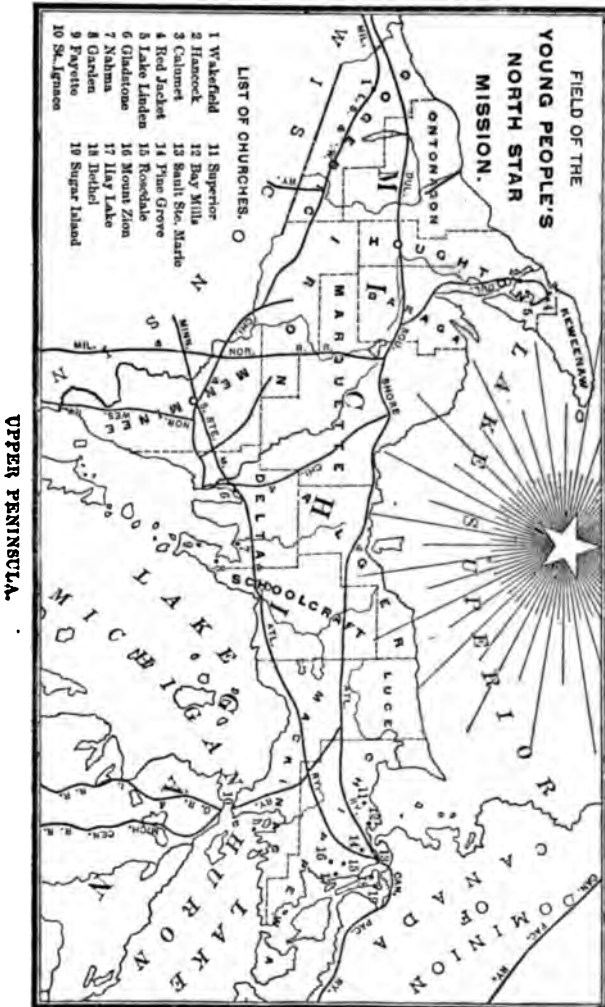
BY REV. LEROY WARREN, SUPERINTENDENT.

MICHIGAN has been in the Union fifty years. For many years the progress of settlement was comparatively slow. Only recently has the State attained its most rapid growth. The northern three fourths of the State is still frontier. The population of the State is now a little more than two millions. The southern million occupy the southern fourth of the territory of the State, and the northern million are scattered over the northern three fourths. Statistics show that the northern million people in the State have among them only half as many church members as the southern million; and there are, including all denominations, only one third as many church sittings provided for the northern million as for the southern million.

Our new work in Michigan extends over a wide area. The northwesternmost Congregational church in Michigan is 577 miles from Lansing by direct railway lines. There is in the westernmost county of the State a Swedish church, aided by the Home Missionary Society, which is 589 miles from Lansing—or nearly a hundred miles farther than the distance from Boston to Buffalo. Throughout these vast spaces, along the growing lines of new railways, there is a rapidly increasing population. They come from almost every land on which the sun shines. In no other State or Territory have the Congregational churches so large a population to evangelize—and in no other has the Home Missionary Society so large a number of missionaries employed.

The newest and neediest part of Michigan's home missionary field is the upper peninsula. It comprises two fifths of the State, or a territory slightly larger than that of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut combined. Early immigration passed it by as too far north, inaccessible, and uninviting. This peninsula was given to Michigan as an afterthought and a political makeshift. The original act of Congress creating Michigan Territory named as the southern boundary a line drawn from the southernmost part of Lake Michigan due east till it should intersect Lake Erie. This would have given to Michigan the harbor and bay at the mouth of Maumee River where Toledo now stands. The importance of this harbor, and the prospect of a city upon its shores, had already begun to appear; and the governor of Ohio, on the pretext of some later survey, set up a claim to a strip of land about five miles wide on its west end next the Indiana line, and about eight miles wide on the east end bordering on Lake Erie. The claim to this strip of territory was hotly contested between Michigan and Ohio. Doubtless Michigan was in the right, so far as the interpretation of legislation was concerned; but Ohio was already a State with a million people, and with an electoral vote which the national administration could not afford

see in the then approaching presidential campaign. An act of Congress was therefore passed admitting Michigan into the Union on condition that she yield the strip of territory claimed by Ohio, and accept in exchange the region now known as the Upper Peninsula. Michigan accepted the enforced exchange with the best grace she could, and came



the Union in 1837. Nothing was at that time known of the vast mineral wealth of the Upper Peninsula. The addition of sixty-six per cent. to the size of the State was not appreciated. The new territory was thought to be a barren waste, and no suitable compensation for the loss of Toledo and the narrow strip of rich land extending from Lake Erie to the Indiana line.

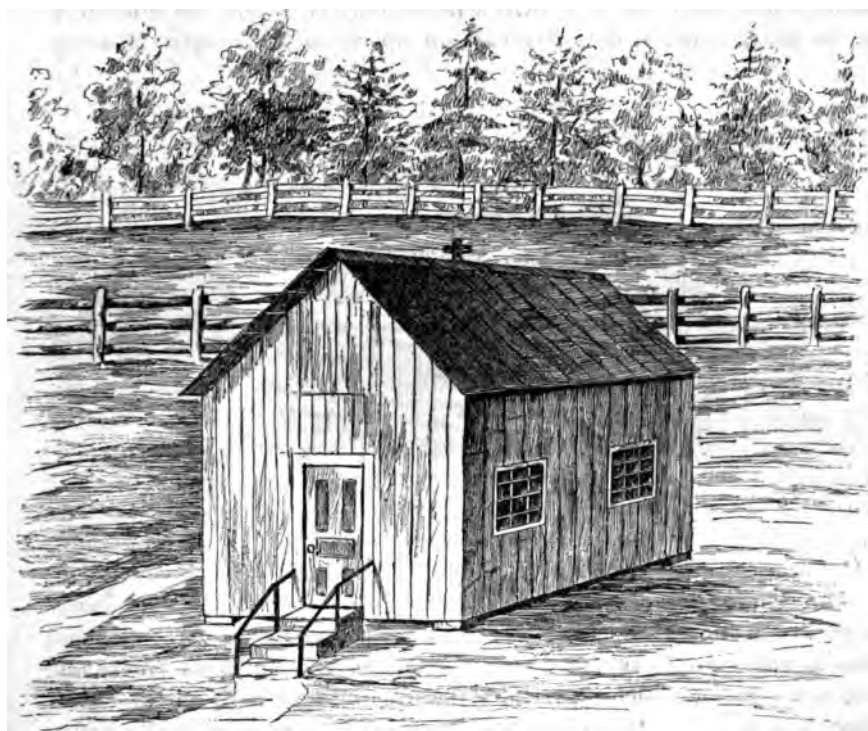
Nevertheless the new State government sought at once to make the best of its new domain. The geological survey by Dr. Douglas Houghton shortly made known its valuable mineral resources. The necessity of a ship canal around the falls of St. Mary's River to connect Lake Superior with the other waters surrounding the State was at once perceived. The national government was asked to grant aid in the construction of a canal. Not only did Congress refuse aid; but when at length the State sought to carry on the work without national aid, the right of way through the military reservation at Sault de Ste. Marie was refused; and the contractors who had undertaken to construct the canal were forcibly driven away by the United States soldiers of Fort Brady. For fourteen years Congress pursued this shameful course of obstruction. Henry Clay was among the opponents of the canal. In a speech he referred to it as "a work beyond the remotest settlement of the United States, if not in the moon." But Michigan got her ship canal before Mr. Clay got to be president. Wearied with Michigan's importunity, Congress at length appropriated 750,000 acres of government land in Michigan for the construction of the canal; and on June 18, 1855, the first steamer passed through the locks, opening a new era in the commerce of the great lakes.

With the steady increase in the demand for iron and copper, and with the advancing settlements of the Upper Peninsula, the business of the canal has steadily grown. Of late, the increase is much more rapid than ever before. The amount of shipping now passing through the canal is three times as great as it was five years ago. Gen. Poe, of the U. S. Engineers, tells us that the annual tonnage now passing through the St. Mary's Canal is a million tons greater than that passing through the Suez Canal, though the latter cost ninety million dollars and the former only three millions.

But the present remarkable growth and sudden development of the Upper Peninsula is due to the fact that it is now crossed by two trans-continental lines of railway. The Canadian Pacific has now the control of a line, just completed along the entire south shore of Lake Superior. The larger part of their through traffic across the continent will doubtless hereafter go south of Lake Superior rather than over the other line north of it. In like manner the Minneapolis and Sault Ste. Marie Railway, by its connections with the Northern Pacific and the Canadian Pacific, becomes a part of another international line across the continent. The Upper Peninsula, instead of being remote and difficult of access, is now crossed by two of the most direct and practicable lines connecting the Atlantic and the Pacific. Its forests and its quarries, its unequalled resources in iron and copper, are now within easy reach of the world's need; and its soil, in some parts excellent, is attracting a large agricultural population. If we really set ourselves at work to provide the *Gospel* and the privileges of the Church of Christ for the great throng

who are now rushing into upper Michigan, it will require at once a great increase in our home missionary expenditure in that part of the State.

Though the Upper Peninsula is our newest home missionary field, it was in fact the first part of the State in which missionary work was undertaken. The French explorers and missionaries occupied the upper Peninsula earlier than the lower. They did not find their way westward by Lake Erie. The fierce hostility of the Iroquois closed the Niagara portage and the navigation of Lake Erie against them, and compelled them to take a more northern route by way of the Ottawa River and



THE MEETING-HOUSE AT ST. IGNACE, THE FIRST PROTESTANT HOUSE OF WORSHIP IN MICHIGAN.

Lake Nipissing, so that the first Michigan soil reached was that of the islands and shores of the northern peninsula. As early as 1641, the Jesuits, Isaac Jogues and Charles Raymbault preached to the Indians at Sault de Ste. Marie, but the mission had an uncertain life till the arrival of Marquette in 1668. In 1671, the mission at St. Ignace was established. The first church building erected on Michigan soil was that at Sault de Ste. Marie, built in 1669 by Marquette and Dablou, its sides of logs and its roof of bark. And the second place of Christian worship built on Michigan soil was a similar chapel erected at St. Ignace in 1671.

From his home in St. Ignace in 1673 Marquette set out with Joliet to discover and explore the Mississippi. Here passed La Salle and the "Griffin," the first vessel that sailed the lakes above Niagara. Through this gateway of the Straits other generations of French explorers, missionaries, and traders journeyed, till at length in 1759 the battle of Quebec and the victory of the dying Wolfe settled it that Canada and the Great West were to be henceforth English and not French—Protestant and not Papal.

The labors of the first Protestant missionary in the same region, though less known to fame than Marquette's, are of not less interest to us. In 1802, 3, and 4, Rev. David Bacon labored at Mackinac as mission-

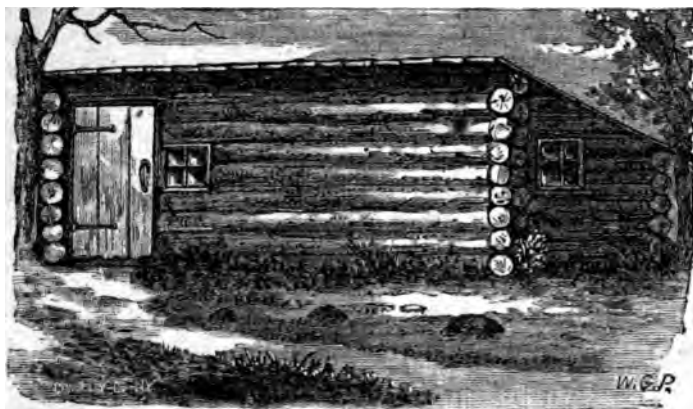


REV. MR. CURRY'S HOME, ROSEDALE, MICH.

ary to the Ottawas and Ojibways. So it happened that Dr. Leonard Bacon was a native of Michigan—born at Detroit while his father and mother were on their way to their more permanent field at Mackinaw. Jeremiah Porter also did his first home missionary work in the Upper Peninsula, beginning at Sault de Ste. Marie in 1831. No other part of our State is so rich in historic associations as this, our newest home missionary field.

But our present problem in Michigan is too urgent to allow any room for the thought of the past. We have more than two hundred settlements and villages in Northern Michigan where the Gospel has never been preached. If ever any people were plainly called by Providence to a great duty, then are the Christian people of Michigan called just now to give themselves to the great work of preaching the Gospel in the destitute settlements and villages of Northern Michigan, and of planting and nurturing the churches of Christ. This is the grandest opportunity we

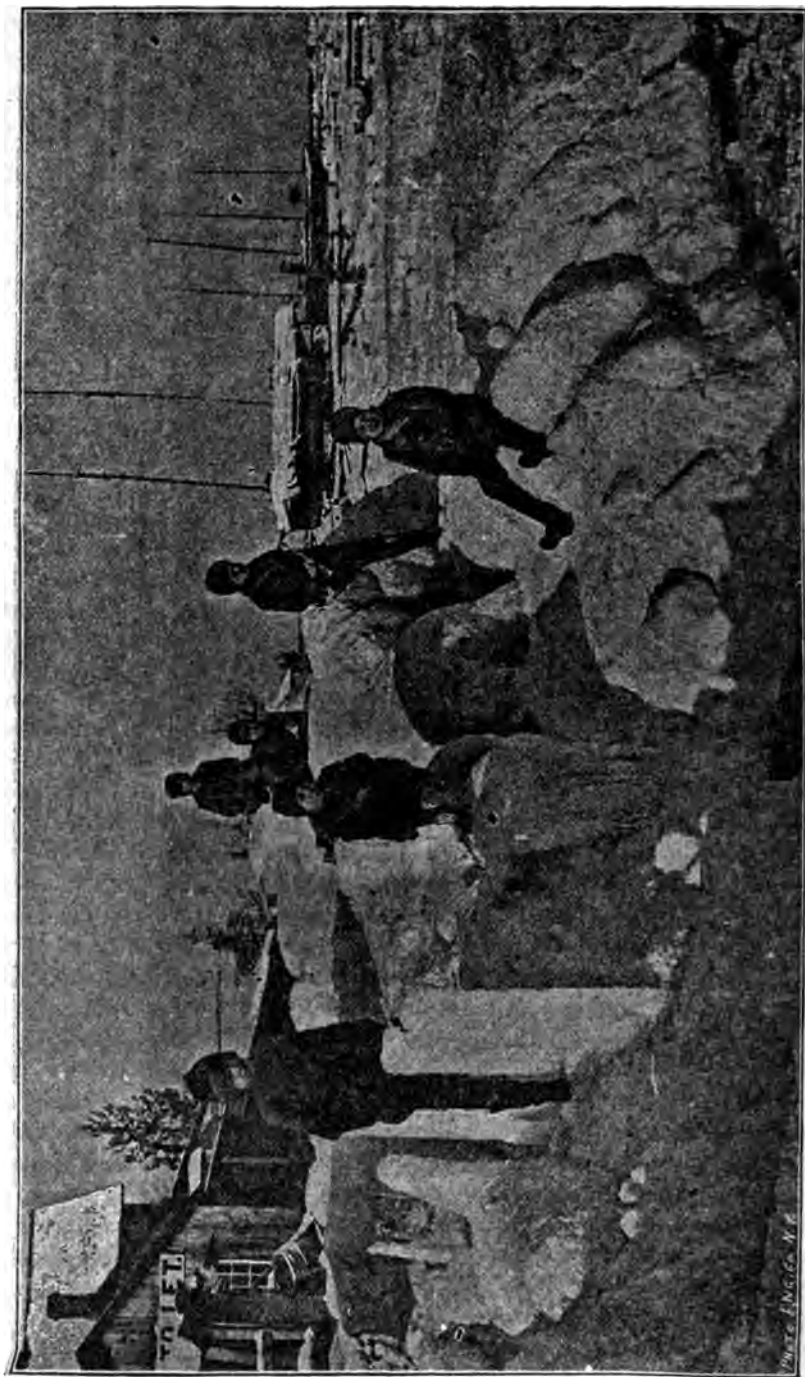
have ever had to show that we are really sincere in our professions of love to Christ and His cause.



First Church at Alba, Mich.

THE UPPER PENINSULA.

THE Upper Peninsula is being settled up very fast. The next three years will surely witness the incoming of thousands seeking homes and fortunes. Every few days we hear of some new settlement. They come in colonies, many of them people of means, and often of culture. Many come, however, who have no idea of God, Sabbath, law, or common decency. Some have lived here from birth, and many from childhood. Until recently many have never heard a sermon preached or attended Sabbath-school. They regard every day alike. Many of these are of course young, and must be reached soon or never. They seem to be susceptible to kindness, and easily take hold of better things. The children—and there are multitudes—have no restraint whatever at their homes only to serve their parents. Parents and children alike must be taught. Our population, in fact, is a heterogeneous one, and taxes the ingenuity, patience, skill, love, and every other worthy quality of the pastor to the utmost. But these fields are just the ones where good, earnest, thorough, and substantial work is needed. Here are *foreign missionary fields* all met in one home mission field. All are anxious to learn the English language and American customs. Satan is fully up to the case. Saloons can be found miles from any other house, placed where the thirsty lumberman can gorge himself with hell's liquid. Shall not the church of Christ be where it can answer the cravings of a starving soul? Shall God's money be wasted on trifles and extravagances, or hoarded in bonds, mortgages, and notes, while thousands for whom He sent His Son to die, die without His knowledge, because there is no one to tell them of the dear Lord?—Rev. F. E. Carter, in *The Beacon*.



PTOLEMY, MICHIGAN.—A DOCK IN WINTER.

WORDS FROM MICHIGAN WORKERS.

"COME and preach to us—if only once a month!" I am a Home Missionary and never expect to be anything else, and when such cries come to me, and I am unable to respond thereto, it makes my heart sad.

I AM preaching in three out-stations besides doing my regular work here, so that it requires seven sermons for two Sabbaths, alternating: one Sabbath driving twelve miles and preaching three sermons, the next, driving sixteen miles and preaching four sermons.

THIS field reminds me, religiously, of a pine forest, which the fire has run over, year after year, till little is left but the dead pines, worth nothing to the lumberman, and a hindrance to the farmer. Yet I trust, with faithful work, and the help of God's Spirit, some of these dead may be brought to a new life.

THERE is an increasing desire to grasp firmer hold upon the promises of God in matters of salvation. For example, one lady asks us all to unite in making her husband a special subject of prayer. All agree to the covenant, and the hour appointed is, "when we hear the whistle of the night train."

IN one of my calls I had a personal conversation with a young lady in regard to her religious experience, and she expressed great pleasure in being spoken to on that subject. She said I was the first person who had ever said one word to her about her soul. She believed she would have been a Christian years before only that she had to "work it all out alone."

WE are having a touch of "boycotting." An ex-saloon keeper is paying children ten cents each if they will stop attending our Sunday-school. This is done because the saloon-keepers despise me. They think and say that I am trying to break up their business. I feel honored. During our work of repairing the church I have been mason, carpenter, painter, teamster and general man of all work, and preacher on the Sabbath.

THE signs of a grand spiritual awakening are many. Our congregations are large and attentive and seem to hear the most heart-searching truths with an eagerness almost pathetic. We have received into church fellowship within three months twenty-one persons, all over thirty years of age, except one precious child of fourteen, who has come from the Sunday-school as an earnest and pledge, we hope and pray, of a glorious ingathering from the same field.

I ONLY wish you could know how these dear people appreciate their church, and how they work for it. The community begins to feel that the Congregational Church meets a religious need long felt, and that it is a permanent institution in the town. I am sure that every dollar we have received has been well spent, and I think the church will soon reach a position in which it will be self-supporting and will help support others.

WE have been greatly blessed in our work during the past three months, in an increasing interest on the part of our church members, in the study of God's Word. There has been a large demand for Bibles by both Christians and those who are not Christians. One man who was impressed by the truths of God's Word, bought eight Bibles to present to his children, and we understand that he holds a Bible reading every night with his family.

CHILDREN come to this Sunday-school barefoot, because their parents are not able to provide them with shoes. One good sister at this place who is able to get her little girl a pair of shoes encourages her to go barefoot, so that the other little girls who can not have shoes will not feel badly. This sister is the daughter of a minister, and is a grand woman. She has held up this Sunday-school and superintended it for years, even when she and her family were in extreme poverty.

AN outsider remarked to Deacon H—— the other day, that "something had gotten into the Congregational Church here, it was taking hold of the place as never before." We trust that the Lord is with us in answer to prayer. The public heart is warming towards us and we mean to do God's work faithfully among them. Our Sunday-school have furnished money to purchase a stove and pulpit for the baby church at an out-station, and have also voted to give the next four Sunday collections and some singing books to the same church. They are taught not only to say "thank you" for the helps they have received, but to be thankful and help others.

A MISSIONARY must be supported on this field if he succeeds. Rent is high and living is high, and the town is dead as far as manufacturing is concerned, but sin abounds, and whiskey. You are apt to have strong appeals for the "picket line." Don't forget these *old fields*. This week a sick man sent to have me come with the doctor. About three weeks previous I had told him plainly the gospel terms. He was a tough case, coarse, and profane, but the visit of this week found him all broken up. His own words were: "I know there is a reality in religion, I feel it." These little incidents all along the journey are what sustain us amid the various cares and trials we encounter.

GOD has moved upon the hearts of this people as never before. The work began with a daily prayer-meeting. It soon became evident that the Lord was with us. To the evening meetings were added afternoon prayer-meetings, and preaching services. From the first there was a deep interest, and soon, good numbers were asking the way of salvation. Scarce a week had passed till the testimony of those who had newly found Christ was heard among us. This continued with unabated interest for eight most glorious weeks. Christians were awakened, strengthened, encouraged. Many who had wandered away renewed their covenant with God. I think the number who were converted, or professed conversion, with the number renewed, exceeded sixty. I felt satisfied that at least forty were hopefully converted who had had no previous religious experience.

I LIKE the people. The larger part of them are good, although so poor in this world's goods. I shall stand by them as long as I can. How long this may be I am unable to say. I cannot stay for \$550 a year and do the work needed. No man can support a family on that sum, and keep abreast of the age. And you know better than I do that no man who does not give the freshest thought of the time can reach the people in this age, even in a country school-house. The lecture system of spiritism and materialism brings their votaries in every village in contact with the brightest minds. They go everywhere. An eloquent materialist delivered a lecture in our village two months ago. A few days after, I met a man who had heard him. He said, "You should have heard the lecture. It was grand. That is a man of great learning and he is so eloquent! Why doesn't the Church put such men into the pulpit?"

THIS is my first home missionary field. I found the work here in very bad condition. There had been no preaching service since the brother who preceded me left. Sunday-school had been given up entirely. The members of the church were thoroughly discouraged. The work was new to me. Things looked dark, but I was not discouraged, knowing that I was working for the Lord. I felt a good deal like the old Scotch woman who said that *her faith was very weak, but it was in a very strong God*. We re-organized the Sunday-school the first Sunday. No one else being willing to take the position, I was chosen superintendent. I have also taught the Young People's Bible Class. The church is now united, and is working well. The members are encouraged to go on in the work. Personally I have been greatly blessed. This is a grand work. I had had no experience in such work before, and many times it seemed very hard, as if I could not do what was required,

but the Lord was with me and gave me the needed strength. He has taught me to trust Him more fully and to believe that when the hour of trial comes His grace will be sufficient. I thank Him that He led me into this work.

I AM happy as a Home Missionary. I love the work. I would not leave it to be President of the United States. . . Our greatest enemy here is indifference. Multitudes work on their farms, go fishing, or engage in other sports on the Sabbath, as though the day was not sacred at all. Without any hostility to churches or Christianity, there are very many around us who are totally indifferent to spiritual or even ecclesiastical concerns. Sometimes, I am utterly discouraged; then I remember that in God is our strength. . . . Sometimes I have been pinched for the things of this life; but our God has cared for me. I applied for a missionary box, and got a *good* one. Another was sent me of which I knew nothing till a letter informed me that it was on the way. From four places, far apart from each other, I have received gifts in money. Each of these amounts came without any solicitation on my part, either directly or indirectly, but when we were much pressed financially. Each of them came unexpectedly, three of them from parties whose very names were previously unknown to us. My wife says the Lord sent them. So say I. I simply mention this to let you know that when sickness was in the family, and there seemed no one to help, PROVIDENCE was neither dead nor asleep.

I FIND here a curious phase of infidelity. It is a kind of fatalism. One of the common sayings is, "I was shoved into the world and by and by I will be shoved out. Who has anything to say about it?" The men often come to the church door and then are afraid to come in. The Lord has taught me to make use of the letter as a means of reaching those who do not come to church, and who are "not at home" when I call, or "have just stepped out." One man who had been a member of the church, but who had resolved to make money at any cost, left his home and came here to engage in the liquor traffic. I was pained to hear of his going into this business, and went to a mutual friend and advised with him. He said, "B— is a very stubborn man, and very violent; he will abuse you if you go to him. Let him alone." But I could not. So after praying over the matter I wrote him a plain, kind letter. He swore and raved, re-read and swore, read again and again, and vowed he would teach me to mind my own business. I told our friend to ask him for me if I had not strictly attended to my business in giving him fair and kindly warning. He has now quit the saloon business, saying that the letter was too much for him. A letter sticks to a man and never talks back to any of his cross words.

UNFAITHFULNESS IN GIVING.—Unfaithfulness in the matter of giving springs from the inbred selfishness of human nature, unchecked by the rigorous application of the principle of self-denial. Greed, the inordinate love of getting gold and of holding it, is as much a sin as pride, and like it, reigns powerfully and universally in the human heart. The antidote to such covetousness is giving; and the only method of breaking this “yoke” of covetousness is by giving freely and by giving systematically.—*Silent Worker.*

A REVIVAL IN BENEVOLENCE.

A WORD WITH YOU PERSONALLY BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE HAMPDEN CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

A COMMITTEE was appointed by delegates from the Hampden Conference of Congregational Churches in the First Church, Springfield, Mass., shortly after the meeting of the Home Missionary Society at Saratoga, in June, and they issued a circular you may have seen. The burden of that meeting was, to secure not only a special gift to the American Home Missionary Society for the year, that should not interfere with gifts to other societies, but also, to stimulate contributions in all the churches of our Conference, covering the entire field of Christian benevolence. We now appeal to you as one whom God has prospered, to help us in the good work. We beg that you will consider personally our opportunity and responsibility for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ. The great crisis now upon us in our own land, the evils threatening all our institutions, in the form of Infidelity, Religious Indifference, False Faiths, Ignorance, Vice, Ruffianism, Intemperance, etc., call for earnest and immediate work. We must work rapidly in America. There is no alternative; it is the Gospel of Christ or anarchy and disaster, and that soon too, in many ways. The claims from the foreign field are not one whit less urgent, as we can see by the recent call of the American Board. Now, our giving as a Conference, and indeed, as a denomination in the long past, has been quite largely in small sums, or from persons of comparatively small means. The time has come when special appeals must be made for larger gifts in legacies and annual offerings. Such claims, too, as we have urged, have come to be more and more recognized, and large givers are pouring out contributions for the cause. Sometimes they make the church the channel of their benevolence. Sometimes their offerings are made directly to the various societies. The recent gift of Daniel Hand for the work among the Freedmen awakens gratitude in all our hearts. It is a noble example. Does not inspire you with a new desire to spend and be spent for Christ?

Will you not join in this work of growing Christian benevolence as God has prospered you? We need your aid. May we not rely on you

personally for a permanent, conscientious, cheerful, proportionate increase of gifts to the Lord's treasury? Consider this prayerfully. Please talk with your pastor, and aid him in plans, also, for the increase of benevolence of your church.

E. H. KNIGHT.

HOMER MERRIAM.

MICHAEL BURNHAM.

JAMES B. SHAW.

L. H. BLAKE.

JAMES H. NEWTON.

W. F. FERRY.

Committee of Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES OF AUXILIARIES.

THE Conference of Secretaries of the State Congregational Home Missionary Societies Auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, convened for its sixteenth annual meeting, at the house of Rev. Joshua Coit, Winchester, Mass., 11.30 A.M., Tuesday, November 20, 1888. Present, Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, D.D., Bangor, Me., Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. Joshua Coit, Boston, Mass., Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Rev. Edward H. Greeley, D.D., Concord, N. H., Secretary of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society; Rev. Alexander McGregor, Pawtucket, R. I., Secretary of the Rhode Island Home Missionary Society; Rev. Charles H. Merrill, St. Johnsbury, Vt., Secretary of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society; Rev. William H. Moore, Hartford, Conn., Secretary of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Also, by invitation, Rev. Edwin A. Harlow, of the Maine Missionary Society; Rev. Edwin B. Palmer, of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society; Rev. William G. Puddefoot, of the American Home Missionary Society.

Mr. Greeley was made Moderator, and Mr. Moore, Scribe. Prayer was offered by Mr. McGregor. Messrs. Coit and McGregor were made a Business Committee. The report of the Treasurer was made and accepted. The report of the Registrar was made and accepted, and the programme included in it was referred to the Business Committee. The Business Committee made a report, which was accepted. It was voted, That the next annual meeting be held at the Congregational House, Boston, Mass., at 9 A.M. Tuesday, November 12, 1889. It was voted, That the Registrar offer the minutes of this meeting for publication in *The Home Missionary*. The minutes were approved. Four sessions were held: From 11.30 A.M., Tuesday to 1 P.M.; from 2.30 to 6; from 7 to 8.30, and closed with prayer by Mr. Merrill; from 9 A.M. Wednesday,

opened with prayer by Mr. Moore, till 1 P.M., closed with prayer by Mr. Huddefoot. At these sessions the following topics were considered:

SECRETARIES.—1. Shall the Secretaries find and send candidates to aided churches? 2. Proper attitude of Secretaries to parties at variance over the continuance of the minister? 3. Experience of Secretaries as to calls for special contributions? 4. The best fifteen texts from which you have preached in your official work?

MISSIONARIES.—5. Can the Evangelistic Association of New England aid us in the supply of ministers? 6. Are the Oberlin Short Course and similar institutions feasible and desirable sources of supply for the ministry? 7. The comparative value to our aided churches of an evangelistic and an educating ministry? 8. Is there any feasible and desirable plan for institutes for our home missionaries?

MISCELLANEOUS.—9. What can be done to prevent the pauperizing effect of missionary aid? 10. How should we treat churches owing the past minister and proposing to shut up till they pay up? 11. Best way of utilizing the State evangelist? 12. Which works best—the envelope, or the contribution box? 13. Shall our missionary journals be combined, and how? 14. Women's organizations. 15. Country churches—(a) Are they gaining, or losing? (b) What of the suggestions of the *Andover Review* as to methods in them? 16. Is the moral and religious condition of the country towns retrograding? 17. What more can be done for the evangelization of the foreign population? 18. Experience in forming German Congregational churches? 19. Is Romanism gaining or losing in New England?

AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—20. Its Southern Work. 21. What is the prospect for realizing the proposed advance in its receipts? 22. How can its Auxiliaries be made more auxiliary?

WILLIAM H. MOORE, *Registrar*.

OBITUARY.

“Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me.”

MRS. W. S. HAWKES, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Last June this devoted missionary was called home. Her husband, who is Superintendent of that peculiarly difficult field, with its unsolved problems, has been sorely bereaved in “the loss of the best of wives and mothers, and one of the most devoted of Christians.” She entered heartily and most intelligently into his work. The night before her death she was admitted to consultation, held in her husband's study, upon the peculiar features of the work, and the best methods of meeting and overcoming present diffi-

culties. Her presence was an inspiration to the workers, and she was thoroughly in accord with all that has been done in that field, and all that is hoped for.

REV. E. T. GRIFFITH, ASHLAND, PA.—“This devoted missionary died on June 25th, after a long and painful illness. He has been an earnest worker under the American Home Missionary Society for eight years. He built a new church at Lansford, which cost over \$5,000. He also built a church at Fountain Spring. His whole life was given to founding churches and winning souls to Christ. He always worked hard for small pay, but has now entered into the joy of his Lord, and to-day he is wearing the crown of life as a faithful servant of our Master. The most painful feature of this death is the loss to his widow and seven children, the oldest only fifteen years old, and the youngest eight months. What can be done for this destitute and afflicted family?”—*D. D. D.*

REV. GUALERALDA N. ANCHETA.—This faithful Mexican missionary died at Rinconada, August 8th. His field has been near Albuquerque. He went away for a brief vacation, hoping to recover from a malarial fever which had been exhausting his vitality for some weeks. He was taken very ill, and died suddenly. Those at his bedside will never forget the scene of his triumphant departure. He saw the open gates of heaven, and his Redeemer, in whom he had trusted with such simple faith, and for whom he had suffered trials and persecution, waiting to receive him. His brother missionary, Rev. Mr. Chavez, who is carrying on the work in New Mexico amid untold difficulties, asks our prayers for that benighted country.

Mr. Ancheta's last written words to the Society are these: “Our congregations are small. We are watched very closely. The people have not liberty to investigate the gospel truth. They are afraid. I have been quietly distributing some Spanish tracts which were sent to me, trusting God to reach some hungry soul with one of them, at least. I have done my utmost to get people together to pray. Sometimes they come, but not one will *guide in prayer*. I must always do that myself. I tell them that the Christian Church comes together for this purpose, but they think it is the minister's place to do the praying. They are very weak yet in Christianity. It is not right that they should profess faith in Christ, and not pray to him in the meeting. So I teach them. But these Mexican people have so many difficulties that the people at the East cannot dream of. You cannot realize how bad things are in New Mexico. You read about it in books and papers, but you do not know the truth. I know the truth, for I was raised here. If it were not for the prayers and money from the East, and a merciful God, we should have had to yield this field, under the terrible weight of opposition we daily have to wrestle with.”

MRS. SIDNEY CRAWFORD, TAMPA, FLORIDA.—Those who read of the heroism of Rev. Mr. Crawford, who remained at Tampa, Florida, during the yellow fever panic last year—and cared for his people until he became a victim of the disease—will give to this brother their heartfelt sympathy and prayers in the death of his wife, who passed to her rest Oct. 22d. “Suddenly, nearly two weeks ago, Mrs. Crawford was stricken with the dread disease which has so long been in our midst. She combated the fever successfully until its course was run, and for two or three days all friends began to breathe a hope that the destroyer would spare the wife and mother to her family. But such was not to be the mysterious providence of God. Although all traces of fever had disappeared, the consequences of long years of suffering showed themselves in the want of all recuperative power, a period of hopeful suspense was succeeded by increased exhaustion, the vital organs faltered in their functions, and a life of unselfish devotion to the happiness of others was ended.

“Words fail to express the deep sense of loss felt by those who came into intimate contact with this pure and exemplary, yet unpretending, follower of Christ. Though a constant sufferer, with little strength even at times most free from pain, she was the life and light of the little church in which all looked to her for guidance and wisdom. From out the weak and wasted body shone the ever-living Spirit which seemed almost to afford a glimpse of the Heaven toward which she moved as to a haven of sweet repose.”—*In Memoriam*.

MRS. PHEBE V. PLACE, GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.—This remarkable woman was born in Perth, N. Y., in 1816. During a period of fifty-eight years she was never unnecessarily absent from a prayer meeting or a Sabbath service. Her interest in mission work was very great, and one of her last calls was to visit a neighbor, with whom she left ten dollars to be sent to the American Home Missionary Society, saying: “I have saved this amount in addition to my former subscription; we cannot do too much for that cause.” During the last moments of her life a friend repeated the promise, “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” She was heard to reply,—“Come, dear Savior, and take me.” The prayer was answered, and in a few moments she was in the presence of that Savior whom she had long honored on earth.

The quiet virtues of Mrs. Place were effective mainly in the domestic circle and in the church. Few persons can be prominent before their fellow men, but if it were not for a large number of useful and reliable individuals in private life, society could not be held together. While Mrs. Place never hurried, her industry was ceaseless; it advanced, like the hands of a clock, with an invisible motion, and to her might well be applied the motto of Goethe: “Without haste, without rest.”—*The Standard*.

AN APPEAL FOR BOOKS.

BALDWIN is the county seat of Lake County, Michigan, but a small place. The church here has had a very chequered history. Never large at any time, and certainly never wealthy so far as this world's wealth goes, it has often been depleted in its membership. Yet still the "faithful few" have clung to the church of their choice in spite of every discouragement. With a mighty effort and a mightier struggle they succeeded in building a neat, commodious church edifice, and with another struggle they are building a parsonage for the pastor and his family. But a great lack exists in the Sunday-school: the want of a library. I shall be glad if any of the readers of this appeal who have any books suitable for young readers, can see their way to send them. I am sure the Lord will abundantly bless every such effort to extend his kingdom.

Every Christian cannot be a preacher or a Home Missionary, and yet any one who can spare a few good books can do just so much for the name of Jesus and the cause of religion. I feel sure that my heavenly Father will move the hearts of some who have it in their power to aid us in the present emergency.

No one but a Home Missionary, toiling on among the thousand and one discouragements incident to home missionary life, can fully estimate the value of such a gift. Every such donor may rest assured of the fervent prayers for rich spiritual blessing to rest upon him by a grateful church and pastor.—*Rev. John Nicoll.*

A FOREST BURIAL.

THE winter of '88 will long be remembered in the Northwest for its severity. The season was cold and the snow deep. Children were closely confined to their homes, and the closeness of the houses tended to blood diseases, as diphtheria and scarlet fever. On a cold and stormy afternoon toward the end of February in a small town in Northern Minnesota, I was called on by a young man from the country to go and conduct a funeral. The young man said his brother had died of diphtheria; that no one would come to the house, and that now they would like me to conduct funeral services and help a little at the burial. I went at once; found that a fine boy of fifteen years had succumbed to that malignant disease. The family were loving and sympathetic to each other. All felt deeply grieved for the lost one, but they did not sorrow as those who have no hope. Christian influence had effect in the household, and there was hope of a reunion where partings are unknown. The boy died resigned, and hopeful of the higher life beyond. He had chosen the chapter to be read, and the hymn to be sung, and then slept in Jesus.

The snow was deep and the graveyard distant. So, after the simple

services the sad father and mother, a neighbor or two who were not afraid of the disease, and myself, drove into the solemn and beautiful winter woods, and under a large pine tree interred the dead ; and there, in the lonely woods, beside the majestic Mississippi, the body rests awaiting the resurrection of the just.—*D.*

A SWEDISH LETTER.

I CAN gladly say that the mission field is growing more light than before, because the numbers of those in membership are growing, and souls are regenerated to the eternal life. But the missionary finds in the field many thickets of brambles and thorns, and must hope in God that his Word will not fail.

The Holy Ghost is surely with us in our meetings—in every heart. I stand here alone as a Scandinavian Congregational pastor in Iowa State. In that respect it is very dark, but God is by my side, and his children too, and my dear Congregational brethren.

I remember the Pilgrim Fathers from England, when I look over my Norwegian-Dano Church. The time will come when their voice shall be heard among our people. Our Norwegian-Dano work is like a little stream which pass over the ground where it pass through. Nobody would expect that this little one should pass all over before the water from it be transferred in all direction, but then, we can expect it.

What we need is more workers, especially an evangelist and a newspaper in our language. Such an instrument would spread the water-stream of life over the whole America, and we should see, by and by, Congregational churches from one pole to another. The American Home Missionary Society is an instrument in God's hand to transfer the religious water to Scandinavian people, who now take water from ritualism and incurable wells.—*Rev. L. Chr. Johnson, Britt, Ia.*

OUR TITHE.—This morning wife and I read these words together. "Will a man rob God ? Yet ye have robbed me. Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room to contain it."

These words reminded us that we must send our ten dollars to the Home Missionary Society. This is the cash tithe of our increase for one year. We are a poor family down here in Southern Missouri, and are not able to do much, but we thank God for giving us a small mite to cast into his treasury. May He direct it where it is most needed. I love the "Bible Plan of Giving." (See Leaflet, No. 53.) Would to God that all Christians in America would try this plan !

Woman's Department.

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

Wait on the Lord;
Be strong, and let thine heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou on the Lord.—Ps. 27: 14.

"You have not wasted those many prayers and those bitter tears. Those feeble efforts, so imperfect that you could scarcely hope them to be successful, are all co-operating to produce a victory, the shouts of which shall be heard all down the ages. You may lay but a single stone of the heavenly temple, but if it be done for Christ it is a stone which will stand the fire. Wait, I say, on the Lord, for the Lord is on our side."

GEORGIA.

LAST month we climbed the dizzy heights of the Rockies to extend the right hand of fellowship to Colorado and Wyoming. This month we are called to the same delightful service of glad welcome and greeting to our sisters at the South. When the news of Colorado and Wyoming came, we exclaimed, "Who next?" and met a prompt response from GEORGIA! Women are there who love the Master, and his cause lies very near their hearts. The officers of this new society are: President, Mrs. A. F. SHERRILL, Atlanta; Secretary, Mrs. M. P. HIGGINS, Atlanta; Treasurer, Miss VIRGINIA HOLMES, Barnesville.

And again in the widening circle, the Christian women of the North, South, East, and West clasp hands and go forward "In His Name."

MAINE.

THE Eighth Annual Report of the WOMAN'S MAINE MISSIONARY AUXILIARY is at hand. The receipts \$1,640.37 show a gain of \$208.05 over those of last year. It would seem that this organization is meeting with some success in its untiring efforts to arouse the women of Maine to the crying need of effective missionary work in their own State. Yet again they urge the sons and daughters of this great region to more *aggressive effort*. The task is not an enviable one. Much more easily

could they secure men and money for the far West. But the secretary exclaims, "We *must* take care of ourselves! and we *can* if we *will*." She also sets forth the great advantage of organized effort over haphazard methods. In alluding to monthly missionary meetings she asks, "Will not the ladies try *to plan* to have a free afternoon on the day of the meeting?" Sure enough! We "plan" to meet our secular engagements. Shall we do less to meet an appointment with The MASTER?

MISSOURI.

It will strengthen the heart of every Christian worker to read the following extracts from a letter "to the Congregational women of Missouri" by the president of the Woman's State H. M. Society. . . "After carefully noting the amounts given by our different local societies, I said to myself, if every one of those dollars represented there could only *speak*, what a revelation there would be of Christian love and consecration—of self-denial and careful planning and economy, on the part of many, if not most, of the women who gave them. What joy, too, they would tell, and gratitude for the sweet privilege of contributing to this noble work of saving our country for Christ. Possibly some of them could reveal a tale of secret soul-struggle, where selfish and worldly interests set up their claims and well nigh prevailed over the higher purpose—but finally a victory for Christ was won.

" . . . As to the increase in our contributions we have cause for thankfulness—and the thought presses upon us, *What shall be our increase in the year to come?* In one or two of our local societies the annual contribution has been greatly enlarged in past years by a 'Thank-offering' made in the early part of the working season, not waiting for an interest to be 'worked up.' The members believing that 'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also,' have put their 'treasure' where they hope their hearts will follow. Suppose we *all* do this! If we have a thank-offering in mind we shall naturally ask ourselves what special cause have we, individually, for thanksgiving to God. Have I been spared severe illness and death in my family? Or, if these trials have come upon me, has my Heavenly Father sustained and comforted me according to his gracious word? Has he brought me sweet relief in the midst of anxieties, and shown himself mighty to help? Have I been delivered in some great peril and brought out unharmed because His hand was covering me?

"Has some dear child for whom I have prayed and yearned with strong desire, begun the Christian life this year? Has the business which maintains the household been prosperous? Have I enjoyed a season of rest from fatiguing duties, and found that refreshing to both soul and body, for which so many weary ones sigh in vain? Have friends been

kind and helpful to me, bearing my burdens and cheering me in dark and desolate hours? Has some new door of usefulness opened to me, or have I been permitted to see a little fruit of my own labors, or to find my prayers answered in behalf of those I love?

"Questionings like these will come to us in our thoughtful moments, and our thank-offering, if we make one, will depend largely upon the answer we give them in our hearts. It is a significant fact that what we give to Christ's cause, we never regret, even though the amount seems beyond our ability. The dear Lord sees that we are sweetly compensated in some way for the sacrifice, and we are not left to 'suffer loss,' but are the rather 'enriched.' On the other hand, what bitter repentings often come to God's children on account of money needlessly or foolishly spent. 'Oh, if we only had it back again,' we say, 'how much good we could do with it!' Alas! not only the money is gone, but the golden opportunity also.

"We read that 'Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury.' It is not a matter of indifference to him now-a-days how his children give. He observes who give 'of their abundance,' and who 'of their want'—and his loving commendation is sure to be whispered to our hearts, though no other eye has observed what we have done.

"We know our Lord is pleased when we make returns to him according to the measure of our obligations, if such a thing were possible; but if there is an *overflow*, and we somehow find we can lay at his feet an *additional* offering, just to show our loving gratitude,—how we may make his heart doubly glad! Oh, the *joy* of giving to him who has given Himself to us! What, my friends shall be the record of our Society this year?—*For the love of Christ, and in His Name, Mrs. C. L. Goodell.*"

LETTER FROM MISS HOBART.

1254 BROADWAY, CLEVELAND, O.

I FEEL like writing a thanksgiving letter, because the Lord has been so good to us. It seemed probable that we should be obliged to close the Bohemian Bible-readers' School this fall, as no place could be found for the pupils to board and not enough money had been raised to warrant building the "Home" which we hope to have by-and-by.

We could see no way open ahead, but how easy it was for the Lord to put into the mind of a family the desire to go to Washington Territory. They left a house vacant which was quite suitable for a temporary "Home," and it was immediately rented; but the floors and the walls and the cupboards were all bare. The furnishing was the next problem. An *efficient lady* was secured as matron, and then a call was made to the

ladies of the Congregational churches for furniture, carpets, dishes, and indeed, anything needed in a house, from a set of furniture down to dish-towels and dust-cloths.

It was quite an undertaking, but the good ladies of our city and of several surrounding towns, stirred themselves up and looked over their possessions to see what they could spare. It reminded me of the building of the tabernacle. "And they came every one whose heart stirred her up and every one whose spirit made her willing and they brought the Lord's offering to the work." The women who were "wise-hearted," instead of spinning goat's hair, made rag carpets and mats and useful things for the bedrooms.

Now the house is no longer bare and empty, but is carpeted and comfortably furnished and everything looks nice and homelike. All this the ladies accomplished in less than two months.

There are five Bohemian girls who are studying for Bible-readers and who make their home here. Housework is now taught in addition to their other studies.

So the school is saved and comfortably provided for this year, for which we are very thankful.

A SILVER TEA SET.

THIRTY years ago a newly-wedded couple started a cozy, happy home in Vermont. Both were professors of religion, but although consistent in their Christian walk they had no conscientious scruples about using their entire income for their own comfort and gratification. No Dr. Strong had then been inspired to place the needs of "Our Country" before the Christian world.

Years passed, and children came to brighten and bless the home. But the prayers of a pious ancestry were not forgotten by God. A conviction came to this couple, so strong, that it could not be set aside,—*"The Lord has an ownership in our income."* They began to teach their children that simplicity in manner of living was essential to a consistent Christian life, and if at any time retrenchment was necessary, it must be in the home expenses, and *not* in the offerings to the Lord.

A few years ago, by the death of a relative, this family were to come into possession of a solid silver tea service if they chose to secure it. Now was a fitting time to exemplify their teaching to the children. Could they consent to this display, when there were churches in the home and foreign fields sending out touching appeals for *a communion service*? They could not, the tea set passed to other friends, and the children did not question the decision.—*Mrs. S. G. Cone.*

Our Young People.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

A young and earnest Pilgrim,
Traveling the King's highway,
Conning over the lessons
From the Guide-book every day,
Said, as each hinderance met him,
With purpose firm and true,
If on earth he walked to-day,
"What would Jesus do?"

It grew to be his watchword
In service or in fight,
Helped to keep his pilgrim garb
Unsullied, pure, and white.
For when temptation lured him,
It nerved him through and through
To ask this simple question.
"What would Jesus do?"

Now if it be our purpose
To walk where Christ has led,
To follow in his footsteps
With ever careful tread;
O let this be our watchword,
"Twill help both me and you,
To ask in each temptation,
"What would Jesus do?"

Dear Young Friends—Will you take this as your watchword for 1889
—"WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

THE following correct answers to the questions have been received from A. M. B., one of the Lois Jewett Helpers, Webster, N. H.; "Massachusetts"; Helping Hand Society, Sudbury, Mass.; and A Member of the I. H. M. Band, Iroquois, Dakota.

55. Define the word "Auxiliary."

A. Help, assistance.

56. What is a State Auxiliary?

A. A State society that helps. 2. A society that manages its State work, and sends all the money it doesn't need to the American Home Missionary Society. 3. A State society that gives aid to a national society.

57. How many State Auxiliaries has this Society ?

A. Eleven.

58. Name the States.

A. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

59. Where do you find these names ?

A. On the last page of the cover of *The Home Missionary*.

60. What must a State do to become an auxiliary of the American Home Missionary Society ?

A. It must take charge of all its own missionary work, and help the national Society to take care of the States that need help.

61. What is the American Home Missionary Society trying to do ?

A. It is trying to send the Gospel to all parts of the United States.

2. It is trying to help poor churches that cannot wholly support a minister. 3. It is trying to fulfill the promise, " His dominion shall be from sea to sea."

62. How ?

A. By sending missionaries where they are needed, and by starting Sunday-schools. 2. By going into partnership with poor churches.

63. How many missionaries does this Society send out ? A. 1,584.

64. Does this Society have any schools ? A. Yes.

65. How many, and in what States ?

A. Three. Siloam Academy, and Rogers Academy in Arkansas. and Worcester Academy in Indian Territory.

66. Is there a State or Territory in this country where this Society has had no missionary ? A. Not one.

67. Are the ladies doing anything to help this Society. A. Yes.

68. How many State organizations have the ladies, and in what States ?

A. Twenty-two. The States are New Hampshire, Minnesota, Maine, Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, New York, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Oregon and Washington, South Dakota, Connecticut, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, California, Nebraska, Florida, Indiana, Southern California, Vermont, Colorado and Wyoming. (And now you may add Georgia.) This list is found on the last page of *The Home Missionary*.

69. What is the name of the Ladies' Fund ?

A. Woman's Fund for Missionary Salaries.

70. What is the name of the Children's Fund ?

A. The Children's Bohemian Fund.

71. What Fund will the young ladies raise this year ?

A. The Young Ladies' Swedish Fund.

72. How many Congregational churches are there in this country ?

A. 4,400

73. How many of these were started by the American Home Missionary Society? A. 3,500, or three fourths of the whole.
74. How much money did the churches give this Society last year? A. A little over \$500,000.
75. How much does the Society want this year? A. \$650,000.

CRUMBS.

J. H. H., of Iroquois, Dakota, writes that their I. H. M. Band is composed of members between the ages of ten and twenty. It has been recently organized by Mrs. Drake. He hopes they will do as well as the "King's Daughters," of Amherst, Mass.

We have very pleasant letters from a boy in Worcester, Mass., whose initials are "A. A. B." We always answer his letters, but as he never mentions his street and number, our letters return after awhile from the dead-letter office. Will "A. A. B." please give us his full address? One reason why we want to know more about this Massachusetts boy is because he writes that he likes to read *The Home Missionary*, and get out the answers to the questions.

A boy in Sharon, Mass., thinks "we ought to be thankful a tenth." If every Christian man and woman, boy and girl, thought this, and lived up to it, the word "debt" would never appear again in this magazine.

The Michigan children are studying about their own State. They have a "North Star Mission Circle," which is raising money for work in the Upper Peninsula, a map of which you will find in this magazine. Read Superintendent Warren's story of Michigan on page 408, and you will understand what they are trying to do. Wouldn't it be a good plan for boys and girls of other States to find out all they can about their own part of the country? Try it.

Your friend, Rev. Mr. Schauffler, watches your Bohemian Fund very closely. The money which you have sent has all been spent for his work; and last month you only put in one dollar. You started to raise \$5,000, for training missionaries to teach these Bohemians. You have raised more than half of it, and the \$2,650 has been doing a blessed work. "Be not weary in well doing," dear children.

WHAT ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE DOING?—I.

"OUR 'Helping Hand Children' number fifty. They wear as a badge a red, white, and blue rosette—the national colors of the National Society! We have no cumbersome organization. Each child is asked to make some article of use or beauty for the Master's cause. For such as cannot

furnish the article one is provided, and their *work* is an offering. We try to find something for even the smallest to do, to secure their interest. After an hour of work, singing is introduced. We sing such things as children like. We try throughout the session to keep up a lively interest in the cause for which they are working. Do tell us of something that *boys* can do for the cause."

SOME children in Minneapolis have been holding a missionary reception. One of them says: "We had studied for two years, and we thought we would like to have our fathers and mothers, and uncles and aunts know something about what we had been doing, and how much they all missed if they did not have missionary meetings." One of the mothers opened her house for the reception, on condition that the children do everything themselves. So they went to work in good earnest. They decided to dress in costume and represent different nationalities.

Each one was to study up the nationality represented, and be ready to answer any questions that might be asked at the reception. Each child was allowed to invite five persons. As the circle numbered twelve that made sixty guests. The invitation read like this: "Miss M. and the little Raindrops will receive their friends Friday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. ———, ——— Street."

"We only invited grown people," says the small narrator, "because if we invited children, we were afraid we would get to playing. The grown folks were just splendid, and sent some of the dearest regrets and acceptances. We had great fun dressing, but at last all was ready, and we went down stairs. We were so afraid the people would ask us questions we couldn't answer. We had a mite box on the table. Miss M. said we mustn't ask anybody to put money in, but we couldn't help just giving little hints that the box was there. We had \$9.50 in our mite box, and we have asked Jesus to use every penny of it; so we *know* it will do lots of good."—*Children's Work for Children.*

Although this reception was gotten up by a foreign mission circle, it might be used in the home interest. The different States might be represented in costume, also the Indian, Chinese, African, Swede, Bohemian, German, etc.

SOME of the Vermont Sunday-schools are forming themselves into "Homeland Circles." Every member of the Sunday-school, including "adults" and "infants" takes a home missionary mite box. These are furnished by the American Home Missionary Society, if the pennies are given to that Society. These mite boxes are taken home, and on *every Sunday morning* the penny or nickel is dropped in as a part of the Sabbath worship. At the close of the year the boxes are brought in, and everybody is surprised at the amount of money collected.

Appointments in November, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Bates, Henry, Eagle Harbor, Wash. Ter.
 Bosworth, Uriah C., Trenton, Neb.
 Dickinson, George L., Alma, Neb.
 Enlow, Charles E., Fifield, Wis.
 Evatt, Robert B., Hankinson, No. Dak.
 Hale, Edson D., Clayton, Cal.
 Hughes, James B., Solisbury, Ind.
 Keene, Lyman S., Kalama and Carmel, Mich.
 King, James B., Newburg, N. Y.
 Lusty, George, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Martin, Edwin, Crested Butte, Colo.
 Metcalf, John M. P., St. Louis, Mo.
 Moore, Frank W., Crow Lake and Beulah, So. Dak.
 Mulholland, John, Forman and Holland, No. Dak.
 Packard, Milan, Evangelist, N. Y.
 Perkins, Francis B., San Diego, Cal.
 Pratt, Dwight M., Pueblo, Colo.
 Rallins, J. C., Buffalo, Wyo.
 Thomas, Ivor, Wilkesbarre, Penn.
 Tobey, B. Frank, Harpersfield, N. Y.
 Trueblood, Jasper, Reville, So. Dak.
 Williams, Augustus W., Cheyenne, Wyo.
 Wilson, S. F., Tonganoxie, Kan.
 Woranop, John W., De Soto, Mo.

Recommissioned.

Andrus, J. Cowles, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Banister, Charles D., Northport, Omena, and Leland, Mich.
 Bigelow, Albert, North Evans, N. Y.
 Bixby, Alanson, Sweetwater, Cal.
 Boche, Miss Fanny, St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.
 Brainard, Edward R., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Campbell, James, Fall City, Burney, Cayton, and Cassel City, No. Cal.
 Cheadle, Stephen H., Tacoma, Wash. Ter.
 Clapp, Cephas F., Oakland, Cal.
 Cole, Henry M., Lamar, Mo.
 Courter, J. E., Spring Hill, Kan.
 Daniels, Henry M., Oceanside and Carlsbad, Cal.
 Davies, Thomas V., Altoona and Village Creek, Kan.
 Dawson, William E., Seattle, Wash. Ter.
 Douglas, Clinton, Faulkton, So. Dak.

Drew, James B., St. Paul, Minn.
 Egerton, Thomas R., Jamestown and East Gilead, Ind.
 Henry, Alexander J., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Hodder, A. W. H., Henrietta, N. Y.
 Holden, Charles W., Hillsview, Eureka, and Hosmer, So. Dak.
 Hollister, Frederic M., New Richland and Jamesville, Minn.
 Hullinger, Frank W., Windsor, Mo.
 Hunt, Ward L., Columbus, Mich.
 Hurd, Fayette, Nashville, Mich.
 Hurbut, John E., Salt Lake City, Utah.
 James, Horace P., Cooperstown, No. Dak.
 Johnson, Alfred P., Springfield, Mo.
 Johnston, John B., St. Louis, Mo.
 Jones, George J., Findlay, Ohio.
 Jones, Lemuel, Evangelist, N. Y.
 Kaufman, William H., Coalville, Utah.
 Kelsey, Francis D., Helena, Mon.
 King, Walter D., Essexville, Mich.
 Loomis, Eli R., Walla Walla, Wash. Ter.
 McKee, James H., Olean, N. Y.
 Macy, Herbert, Merriam Park, Minn.
 Morse, William B., Wenas and Natchez, Wash. Ter.
 Pascoe, William H., Rio Del and Scotia, Cal.
 Paske, William J., Pierce, Neb.
 Pearson, Samuel, Dodge and Howells, Neb.
 Feebles, David, West Jordan and Sandy, Utah.
 Preston, Jared R., Fremont, Ind.
 Prucha, John, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Silver Lake, Hopkins, and Glencoe, Minn.
 Ralston, Edward S., Lincoln, Neb.
 Richards, Emanuel, Buffalo Park and Collyer, Kan.
 Rose, William F., Port Gamble, Wash. Ter.
 Rowley, George B., West Carthage, N. Y.
 Savory, George W., Inglewood, Cal.
 Seaver, Charles H., Junction City, Kan.
 Sennett, Charles N., Carrington, No. Dak.
 Smith, Edwin S., Beatrice, Neb.
 Sutherland, Ward T., Ashland, Wis.
 Tuckerman, Frederick W., Falls Church, Va.
 Tutthill, Edward B., San Miguel, Cal.
 Vandalen, Henry A., Bloomer, Wis.
 Van Wagner, James M., Green Ridge, Mo.
 Woodbridge, Richard G., Morrisania, N. Y.
 Woolman, William, Farnam, Neb.

Receipts in November, 1888.

MAINE—\$175.00.

Augusta, Mrs. Joel Spaulding, to const. B. Spaulding a L. M.	\$50 00
Center Lebanon, Mrs. Phebe J. Moody	7 00
Hampden, Cong. S. S., by C. Lennan	13 00
Ogunquit, B. Maxwell	25 00
Portland, Seaman's Bethel Ch., by J. M. Gould	36 00
Skowhegan, by Rev. A. J. Rackliff	21 00
South Freeport, Rev. H. Hsley	20 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$3,320.28; of which Legacy, \$2,700.00.

Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. N. H. M. S.:	
Amherst	\$11 46
Center Harbor	5 00
Hanover Center, from Friends to const. a L. M.	50 00
Hinsdale	18 50
Laconia, Friends, to const. John P. Miller a L. M.	75 00
Pelham	1 00

Tamworth, to const. Miss Susan Cogswell a L. M.

	50 00	
Antrim, Rev. M. Holman	\$210 00	96
Bennington, by C. J. Kimball	10 00	00
Candia, John P. French and Mary E. C. French	12 13	13
Concord, On account of Legacy of James McQuestion, by C. A. Dole and L. D. Stevens, Ex.	200 00	00
A Friend	2,700 00	00
A Friend	30 00	00
Hanover, Rev. H. G. Jessup, for debt	10 00	00
A Friend	25 00	00
A Friend	50 00	00
Hillsboro Bridge, J. Dutton	2 00	00
North Hampton, by E. Gove	25 00	00
J. L. P., for Debt	20 00	00
Orford, Mrs. A. W. Newcomb's S. S. class, a Thanksgiving offering	7 00	00
South New Market, A Friend	10 00	00
West Lebanon, Cong. S. S., by C. Cummings	8 19	9

—\$140.25.

J. K.	\$5 00
Two Friends	10 00
A Friend, for Debt.	2 00
ro, From a few Friends, by Knowlton	44 00
Cutler, by Rev. S. Knowlton	5 00
er, A Friend.	25 00
Thank-offering, \$30; Mo.	32 00
nd, \$2, Mrs. A. S. Taft.	25 00
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ld, "Splinters of the" by M. A. Ellison	2 25
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A Friend, to const. himself	50 00
ham, Ladies, Pledged in y Mrs. S. A. Freeman	4 00
Old South Ch., Mrs. Mary A. \$400; Charles Pitkin, \$100; H. Stearns	500 00
n's Home Miss. Assoc., Mrs. h. K. Burgess, Treas., for y Fund.	100 00
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l. Bishop, for Debt.	21 00
y, for Debt.	25 00
gton, E. T. Dill, for Mo.	1 00
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ngmeadow, Cong. S. S., by Doomes	20 00
, by W. M. Smith	25 00
ham, A Friend	60 00
illage, E. F. Ch., by A. L. in full, to const. R. T. Litch- ad C. Hyde L. Ms.	10 00
er, N. E. Brooks.	50 00
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F. Taylor, \$15; F. E. Tay- s.	10 00
s. J. H. Seymour, for Debt.	4 40
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eld, by Rev. J. A. Woodhull A Friend, by Rev. T. W.	39 00
ford, "Thank-offering."	50 00
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Center, S. F. Wilkins	25 00
I. Cousins and Miss H. S.	8 00
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apton, A. L. Williston	2 00
tleboro, Mrs. L. A. Adams. elchertown, Woman's Miss. enev. Soc., by Mrs. R. Har-	7 90

Northfield, Mrs. J. P. C., for Debt.	\$1 00
North Leominster, Ch. of Christ, by Lucy E. Shedd	25 00
North Scituate, Mrs. E. Bailey.	8 00
Pittsfield, Fanny T. Allen	100 00
Mrs. M. S. B. Todd	10 00
Quincy, J. H. Wheble	1 60
Sheffield, by Mrs. M. E. Cowles	7 60
Shrewsbury, H. Harlow	36 00
South Hadley Falls, Friends	10 00
Springfield, H. M., of which \$500 for Salary Fund	1000 00
Mrs. P. Burnham	5 00
Two Friends.	5 00
Stockbridge, A Lady Friend.	10 00
Topsfield, Miss. concert for Mo. Pelt Fund, by C. J. Peabody.	3 15
Uxbridge, W. H. Seagrave.	25 00
West Brookfield, Mrs. Hammond Brown	9 40
West Dudley, A Friend	40
Worcester, Legacy of Levi Clapp, by his Exrs.	100 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc., Park Ch., by Hannah C. Witherbee.	10 00
Yarmouth, Rev. J. W. Dodge, for Debt.	100 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$1,016.00.	
Providence, Beneficent Ch., by W. P. Goodwin	15 00
Union Cong. Ch., by C. H. Leonard	1,000 00
CONNECTICUT—\$2,319.31.	
Miss. Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec. Bridgeport, Park Street Ch., by C. M. Minor	93 30
Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union: New Britain, L. H. M. S. South Ch., for S. Fund by Miss K. M. Brown, Treas.	30 00
Bethlehem, A Friend	5 00
Bridgeport, S. S. of Park Street Ch., by F. W. Boland	8 00
J. Blakeslee	10 00
A few Friends, for Mo. Pelt Fund. Miss M. E. Sears	3 50
Chester, by Rev. A. Hall and Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec. Miss. Soc. Conn.	41 60
Colchester, Friends	10 00
Connecticut, A Friend	600 00
Durham, by H. C. Newton	26 00
East Hampton, Philo Bevin	25 00
East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine, in full, to const. Dea. G. T. Bixby a L. M.	35 00
A Friend	5 00
Franklin, by Rev. H. E. Hart.	10 00
Guilford, First, by E. W. Leete, to const. Mrs. Ida Q. Moulton a L. M.	50 00
"Teacher"	1 00
Hampton, by Rev. D. Denison, to const. Dea. J. W. Congdon a L. M.	50 00
Hartford, Mrs. Mary C. Bemis, for Debt.	10 00
A Friend	85
A Friend, for Debt.	5 00
Lebanon, First Ch., by O. E. Pettis, to const. Rev. M. Kellogg a L. M. Litchfield, A Friend.	51 77
Manchester, A. C. Hilliard	5 00
Meriden, Center Ch., by Miss M. A. Wood	20 00
Middletown, South Ch., by E. Doug- las	12 00
South Ch. S. S., by E. Payne, for Salary Fund.	53 30
Benj. Douglas, for Debt.	50 00
Newington, by H. M. Robbins	100 00
New Haven, First Ch. Ladies' H. M.	18 57

Soc., by Mrs. E. C. Bradley, for Salary Fund.....	\$162 00
Whitneyville S.S., for Salary Fund, by Cornelia F. Gilbert.....	25 00
Norfolk, by J. N. Cowles.....	354 84
North Greenwich, by S. D. Mead.....	30 00
North Guilford, by F. T. Jarman.....	17 43
Norwich, Park Ch., "A Response".....	25 00
John Rossiter.....	5 00
Pomfret, Miss J. T. Ripley, to const. herself a L. M.....	50 00
Rockville, S. S. Class of Young Ladies in Cong. Ch., by G. L. Grant.....	10 00
"C. W.".....	2 00
Simsbury, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. A. J. Holcomb, freight.....	5 00
Southport, Rev. Z. B. Burr.....	30 00
South Norwalk, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Miss E. G. Platt, to const. Mrs. Edwin Smith and Miss Alice Dawson L. Ms.....	115 00
Stamford, A Friend, "Thanksgiving".....	1 00
Stratford, Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. M. E. G. Curtis.....	53 00
Taftville, by Rev. G. N. Kellogg.....	37 00
Torrington, A Friend.....	10 00
Whitneyville, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. L. Dickerman.....	5 25
NEW YORK—\$4,830.66; of which Legacy, \$100.00.	
Received by Rev. A. G. Upton:	
A Friend.....	\$1 50
Greene.....	20 00
Jamesport.....	1 00
Pulaski.....	15 50
Utica, Bethesda.....	10 00
	48 00
Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Brooklyn, Woman's H. M. Soc. of Ch. of the Pillgrims.....	\$187 50
Tompkins Avenue Ch. Ladies' Aid Soc. for Salary Fund.....	276 30
Fairport, Ladies' Aux., \$9.25; J. E. Howard, to const. Mrs. Mary Waters a L. M., \$100.....	109 25
	523 05
Binghamton, First Ch., by H. M. Beecher.....	207 66
Brooklyn, Clinton Avenue Ch. by, T. S. Thorp.....	1,896 37
South Cong. Ch., of which \$300, from C. H. Parsons, by E. D. Ford.....	450 00
Puritan Ch., by E. Nash.....	104 94
Swedes Cong. Ch., by J. Westler.....	7 00
W. H. Williams, \$25; Mrs. F. W. Everest, \$10; Rev. Dr. E. P. Thwing, \$5.....	40 00
Buffalo, A Friend, to const. Edward J. Dorr a L. M.....	50 00
Camden, Cong. Ch. and S. S., by J. Stark.....	47 32
Candor, E. A. Booth.....	25 00
Cherry Valley, Anna M. Dakin, for Debt.....	5 00
Churchville, A. D. Stone.....	22 18
Clarkson, A. J. Palmer.....	5 00
Flahkill, Legacy of Mrs. H. E. Prentice, by M. E. Curtiss, Adm.....	100 00
Flushing, Ch.....	5 00
"The King's Daughters," for Salary Fund.....	46 51
Gaines, by G. D. Ward.....	22 25
Jamestown, First Cong. S. S., by G. B. Todd.....	7 20
Mrs. M. S. Wells.....	3 60
Mrs. J. L. Hall.....	2 00
Kelloggsville, Miss C. L. Taylor.....	50 00
Middletown, First, by S. R. Corwin.....	35 00

Moorea, Miss M. E. Churchill, special	\$3 00
Moravia, First, by R. Brown.....	46 00
New York City, Broadway Tabernacle, C. N. Bliss.....	230 00
Charles J. Starr, \$200; S. T. Gordon, \$150; Dea J. Miner, \$10; W. C. Conant, \$1; W. L. M., \$5; "Unknown," through N. Y. Evangelist Office, \$20.....	322 00
North Evans, by Rev. A. Bigelow.....	5 00
Norwich, H. T. Dunham, for Debt.....	10 00
Orient, Cong. S. S., by F. L. Young.....	12 50
Pekin, Miss A. Peck.....	25 00
Remsen, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Pentec. Ch., by Rev. J. F. Humphrey.....	8 00
Rochester, Cong. S. S., by F. G. Burch.....	6 30
Mrs. L. M. Beebe.....	4 00
Rodman, by J. S. Sill.....	26 00
Rutland, First Cong. S. S., by F. Underwood.....	14 00
Salamanca, by Rev. H. A. Ottman.....	25 18
Smyrna, Ch. and S. S. Miss. Soc., by C. H. Hunt.....	150 00
Spencerport, by Rev. C. N. Fitch.....	28 00
Wellsville, by Mrs. Louisa A. Brown, to const. Herbert Butler Hoyt a L. M.....	50 00
West Bloomfield, by M. J. Peck.....	36 00
Woodhaven, by Rev. W. James.....	15 00
Yonkers, First Presb. Ch., by Rev. Dr. W. W. Rand.....	25 00

NEW JERSEY—\$305.13.

Bloomfield, M. E. C.....	5 00
Camden, Rev. A. H. Brown.....	1 00
Closter, Cong. S. S., by Rev. G. W. Plack.....	15 00
East Orange, Mrs. C. D. Dill.....	10 00
Newark, by Rev. I. W. Davenport.....	5 00
New Brunswick, Miss Mary H. Parker.....	10 00
Upper Montclair, by C. W. Anderson.....	220 00

PENNSYLVANIA—\$162.17.

Allegheny, First, by Rev. A. M. Hills.....	15 16
Carbondale, by Rev. D. L. Davis.....	12 01
Guys Mills, addl., by Rev. H. S. Thompson.....	20 00
Lansford, First Welsh Ch., by Rev. J. Edwards.....	10 00
Philadelphia, C. Burnham.....	100 00
S. A. Johnson, for Debt.....	5 00
Ridgway, Ladies' Miss. Soc. by Mrs. C. F. Yennie, special.....	20 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$213.68.

Washington, First Ch. Individuals, \$53.25; for Debt, Mon. con. \$10.43, by S. H. Galpin.....	63 68
Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Cong. Ch., by Mrs. Della C. Perham, of which \$50 for Salary Fund.....	100 00
S. Colt, for Debt.....	50 00

ALABAMA—\$10.00.

Talladega, Rev. H. S. De Forest, D.D.....	10 00
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FLORIDA—\$18.00.

Glencoe, C. B. Howard.....	3 00
Pomona, Ch. \$10; W. H. M. Soc., \$8, by Rev. M. C. Welch.....	15 00

INDIAN TERRITORY—\$5.00.

McAllister, by Rev. W. H. Hicks.....	5 00
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KENTUCKY—\$32.25.

Newport, by A. W. Bradley.....	32 25
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OHIO—\$753.35; of which, Legacy, \$180.00.

Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser, Sec.:	
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue Ch. by J. M. Bates.....	\$55 40

Street, by Mrs. J.	
l. by R. B. Cowles	\$0 20
Central, by L. H.	11 85
l.raitsville, by W.	13 52
dover, by Henry	5 00
ib.	16 95
by S. P. Churchill,	
Bohemian Board,	
and:	
1, Euclid Avenue	
S. S. Two boys.	\$81 30
Falls, S. S.	40
oeville, L. M. S.	8 95
, Mrs. L. C. Lord.	7 25
ille, S. S.	10 00
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by Mrs. Phebe A.	
Treas. Woman's	
Union:	
Mrs. J. M. Thomas	\$5 00
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, S. S.	12 15

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E. W. Stuart	169 55
A. H. Cowgill	109 78
G. J. Jones	60 00
lev. R. G. Benyon	26 00
cond Ch., by R. H. Birge	5 00
lark, \$10; Mrs. L. G. B.	85 20
50, by Mrs. G. Clark	
, S. P. Tolman	17 50
Legacy of Rev. John Sew-	3 40
ion. W. H. Upson, Ex.	
son Allen, for Debt.	160 00
	10 00

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y Rev. E. D. Curtis:	
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by Mrs. C. E. Maltby,	
W. Woman's H. M. Union.	
ary Fund.	\$8 50
irst Ch., by N. M. Keeney	17 00
ompkins, D.D.	100 00
en, for Debt.	100 00
nd. Presb. Ch.	29 00
Second, by T. D. Robert-	
	50 00

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y Mrs. A. E. Cook,	
H. M. Soc.:	
i of Home Mis-	78
ity, Ladies' H. M.	
Olivet Ch.	3 00
adies' H. M. S.	1 00
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t Ch., "Thank of-	
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Ladies' H. M. S.	7 00
ld, First Ch. The	
n of the King	7 00
l Ch. Children's	
on Band.	3 00
n Ch.	1 00
Groves, Ladies' H.	
Thank-offering	13 00
Ladies' H. M. S.,	
offering	6 15

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Amity, Miss. concert, by Rev. J. P.	
Field.	\$5 00
Cong. S. S., by C. A. Atwood.	5 00
Breckenridge and Utica, by Rev. D.	
C. McIntosh	10 00
Eldon, by Rev. J. Vetter	2 00
Honey Creek, \$5.25; Kahoka, \$3.25,	
by Rev. G. Marsh	8 00
Kansas City, by Rev. J. Brereton	13 50
Laclede, A Friend, for Debt	5 00
La Grange, German Ch., by Rev. W.	
Stock	2 00
St. Louis, by Rev. G. M. Sanborne	7 00
by Rev. J. B. Johnston	1 00
Springfield, by Rev. J. F. Graf	5 00
Thayer and Curry, by Rev. E. S.	
Curry	4 75

MICHIGAN—\$2,307.86.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:

A Friend, for Work in the	
Upper Peninsula	\$100 00
Almira	4 00
Bay City	20 00
Cannon	1 41
Cannonsburg	1 41
Delta	6 00
Dorr	44 50
East Newton	3 53
Grand Rapids, First	200 00
Grandville	1 50
Grass Lake	21 85
Michigan, "Aliquid"	250 00
Michigan Center	5 00
North Adams	10 00
Pottersville	11 50
Victor	7 79
Wacousta	14 25
Webster	21 60
Whittaker	4 40

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Received by Mrs. E. F. Gra-

hill, Treas. Woman's H. M.	
Union:	
Alpena	\$23 54
Cooper	1 25
East Saginaw	45 00
Grass Lake	15 00
Greenville	11 56
Hancock	50 00
Imlay City, Mrs. R. Staple-	
ton's Mite Box	4 00
Kalamo, L. M. S.	5 00
Lowell	8 00
North Adams	16 00
St. Joseph	16 00
Wacousta, Mite Boxes	6 00

\$201 35

North Star Mission:

Benton Harbor	50
Galesburg, Y. L. M. S., for	
Salary Fund	10 00
Grand Blanc, Children's	
Miss. Soc.	4 00
Kalamazoo, Y. P. S. C. E.,	
for Salary Fund	4 50
Manistee, Willing Helpers,	
for Salary Fund	10 00
Michigan Center, Y. L. H.	
M. S. for Salary Fund	10 00
South Grand Blanc, Young	
People	8 00
Stanton, Cheerful Workers,	
for Salary Fund	10 00
Wolverine, S. S.	30

\$37 30

Addison, by Rev. J. H. Cooper	256 65
Alamo, by Rev. J. Kelghtley	23 00
Allendale, Ch. \$30.61: Cong. S. S.,	18 50
\$8, by Rev. C. Finster	36 61
Ann Arbor, First, by R. Campbell	64 25
Ashley, by Rev. A. Van Auker	1 00
Bancroft, by Rev. A. T. Waterman	22 25

Big Prairie and Croton, by Rev. J. H. Dole	\$1 00
Briley and Vienna, by Rev. I. B. Little	2 41
Calumet, by E. T. Curtis	245 44
Chesaning, by Rev. W. H. Millar	5 00
Clio, \$30; Genesee, \$5, by Rev. F. C. Wood	25 00
Cooper, by Rev. S. A. Long	30 35
Eastlake, by Rev. W. Excell	6 00
Eastmanville, by Rev. C. Finster	6 75
East Saginaw, First, by E. W. Gwynne	13 28
Eaton Rapids, add'l, by A. C. Dutton	3 00
Edmore, by Rev. H. Marsh	9 52
Farwell, by Rev. T. A. Porter	20 00
Flint, Cong. S. S., by E. M. Gordon	4 30
Freeport, by Rev. R. Vivian	10 00
Fruitport, by Rev. H. C. Snyder	10 00
Hay Lake, Miss'y Plants, \$3.65; Mt. Zion Ch. \$1.25; Rowedale Ch., \$7, by Rev. J. W. Holt	11 90
Highland Station, by Rev. G. E. Lincoln	19 00
Hudsonville, by Rev. I. B. Jones	5 50
Ironwood, by Rev. J. Hendrickson	3 00
Lalngsburg, M. B. Liddell	13 85
Lamont, Ch., \$10; S. S., \$10, by Mary Hedges	20 00
Lawrence, by Rev. S. Taylor	15 00
Maple City, \$1.86; Miller's Hill, \$2.39; Solon, \$5.25; by Rev. A. Metcalf	9 50
Maybee and Raisinville, by Rev. J. H. P. Kenyon	4 00
Merrill, by Rev. F. W. Link	5 23
Middleville, by C. T. Spaulding	3 71
Nashville, by Rev. F. Hurd	18 06
Omaha and Leland, by Rev. C. D. Banister	5 00
Onondaga, by Rev. P. M. Crips	10 75
Orion, by Rev. A. C. Webster	21 50
Oxford, by Rev. J. A. Wells	35 00
Red Jacket, S. S., by D. Ross	4 00
Rockford, by Rev. T. W. Spanswick	4 12
St. Clair, by F. Moore, for Salary Fund	110 00
St. Ignace, by Rev. C. E. Taggart	38 33
St. John's, First, by A. J. Baldwin	64 67
Sank Rapids, by Rev. A. G. Nelson	5 00
Standish, by Rev. M. W. Tuck	3 00
Union City, First, by H. A. Corbin	91 04
A Friend	100 75
Vanderbilt, by Rev. E. P. Stone	14 00
White Cloud, by Rev. E. J. Burgess	35 00

WISCONSIN—\$1,000.00, Legacy.

New Richland, Legacy of Mrs. P. H. Bartlett, by F. W. Bartlett, Ex.	1,000 00
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IOWA—\$39.75; of which Legacy, \$4.75.

Des Moines, On account of Legacy of Mrs. H. L. Rollins, by S. A. Merrill	4 75
McGregor, A Friend, for Debt	20 00
Waterloo, Rev. M. K. Cross	10 00
Wentworth, Miss Isabel M. Kimball	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$312.80.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Glyndon, Ch., \$8.39; S. S., \$1.41	\$9 80
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.	151 50
Mrs. C. F. Thwing	5 00
"In Memoriam"	10 00
Second Ch.	19 76
Rochester, S. S.	2 81
St. Paul, James F. Jackson, for Salary Fund	23 00
Bethany Ch.	5 00
West Union	3 75
Zumbrota, S. S.	6 22
Minnesota Churches and Individuals, by Rev. D. Magnus	236 84
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Aitkin, by Rev. A. Striemer	\$38
Center Chain, Mrs. G. K. Brown, \$8; Cong. S. S., \$1, by G. K. Brown	7
Fertile and Mentor, by Rev. W. W. McArthur	5
Lakeland, Ch., \$4.36; Ladies' Home Missionary Soc., \$4; Rev. J. Chandler, \$3.14; by Rev. J. Chandler	11
Minneapolis, J. C. Johnson, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5
Princeton, by Rev. G. S. Lee	5
Sherburne, by Rev. R. L. D. Preston	4
West Dora, by Rev. J. L. Martin	2

KANSAS—\$942.97.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty, Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Burlington, W. H. M. S.	\$5 00
Douglas	1 05
Seneca, W. H. M. S.	12 10
Sabetha	78 00
Wallace	10 00

Alma, by Rev. W. C. Wheeler	106
Center Ridge and Scatter Creek, by Rev. J. Wilds	5
Cheney, by Rev. R. B. Foster	
Clear Creek, \$5.77; Beulah, \$2.86; by Rev. J. J. Wilson	8
Hiawatha, by J. B. Richardson	12
Highland, by Rev. D. E. Todd	3
Junction City, Ch., \$7.30; S. S., \$3.09; by Rev. C. H. Seaver	12
Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake	3
North Lawrence, by Rev. T. F. Norris	7
Paula, W. G. Poor	25
Severy and Western Park, by Rev. J. C. Cooper	6
Spring Hill, by Rev. J. E. Courter	1
Wabaunsee, by J. T. Willard	35

NEBRASKA—\$431.00.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maile:	
Ashland, by Rev. J. E. Brereton	\$46 00
Blair, by Rev. A. Rogers	12 00
by E. N. Bradley	14 49
Hastings, by Rev. L. P. Rose	21 85
Lakeside and Willow Valley, by Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson	21 77
Linwood, by Rev. J. O. Tasker	7 80
Long Pine, by E. P. Greene	10 00
Naponee, by Mum E. K. Henry	5 11
Scribner, by Rev. M. B. Harrison	2 50
Wisner, by Rev. G. W. Brownjohn	5 00

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	146 52
Albion	5 00
Arborville, Thank-offering	2 45
Arlington	1 00
Ashland	6 00
Chadron	5 70
Clark's	10 00
Crete	1 00
Fremont	10 00
Geneva	6 52
Genoa	12 05
Thank-offering	2 30
Hastings	1 00
Howells	5 00
Indianola	5 50
Lincoln, Plymouth	7 50
First	36 90
Young Ladies of the First	5 00
Linwood	1 00

Thank-offering, \$1.20; special, \$5	\$6 20
Naponee	1 25
Neligh	5 00
Norfolk, Juniors	1 00
Omaha, Plymouth	5 20
Y. P. S. C. E. of Plymouth Ch.	1 80
Hillside	12 00
Plymouth	9 00
Rushville	1 67
	167 27
Friend and Grafton, by Rev. J. Lich	313 79
Hay Springs, add'l, by S. Hammond	24 25
McCook, add'l, by Rev. G. E. Taylor	70
Minden, Mrs. H. U. Sprague	6 00
Neligh, by G. A. Gregory	10 00
New Hope and Stockholm, by Rev. G. Schnerle	18 44
Omaha, Children's Mission Band of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. A. B. Penman, for Mo. Pelt Fund	3 80
Rising City, by Rev. W. P. Pease	4 40
Silver Creek, by A. B. Campbell	25 00
Steele City, by Rev. H. J. Macomber	20 50
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ORTH DAKOTA—\$7.00.

Hope, by Rev. T. W. Thurston..... 7 00

OUTH DAKOTA—\$94.95.

Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield,
Treas. Woman's H. M.
Union:

Henry	\$3 20
Highmore	3 51
Iniquito, Young Helpers	2 00
Plankinton	6 08
Sioux Falls	10 00
	24 79
Alcester and Eden, by Rev. R. Norton	3 00
Canova and Carthage, by Rev. G. J. Battey	11 87
Elk Point, by Rev. L. P. Sabin	7 50
Plankinton, by Rev. J. V. Willis	6 77
Rapid City, A Friend	8 80
Spearfish, Friends, by A. B. Lyon	10 00
Valley Springs, by Rev. W. H. Watson	7 22
Yankton, First Cong. S. S., by W. H. Sanborn, for Salary Fund	20 00

OLORADO—\$187.06.

Colorado, Churches and Individuals, by Rev. R. B. Wright	29 00
Boulder, George S. Gibson, for Debt	50 00
Breeley, by Rev. C. M. Sanders	101 06
Hyde and Otis, by Rev. G. Dungan	4 00
Pueblo, by Rev. R. B. Wright	3 00

TAH—\$2.00.

Coalville, by Rev. A. L. Seward..... 2 00

ALIFORNIA—\$2,059.66; of which
Legacy, \$2,009.43.

Los Angeles, by Rev. G. A. Rawson	10 00
A. M. Duncan	5 00
Oakland, by Rev. W. H. Cooke	3 75
Pico Heights, by Rev. J. C. C. Harris	6 15
San Bernardino Association, by Rev. J. T. Ford	12 11
By Rev. J. D. Foster	5 55
San Francisco, Avails of Legacy of Mrs. Harriet B. Willard, by W. Olney, Atty. for Ex'rs	2,009 43
Spring Valley, by Rev. M. F. Platt	5 00

REGON—\$199.25.

Received by A. S. Frank, Treas.
Or. H. M. Soc.:
Received by Mrs. G. H. Atkinson,

Acting Sec. Woman's Home Miss. Soc.	\$25 00
Portland, First Ch., to const. W. H. Holcomb and Mrs. Frank M. W. Warren L. Ms.	100 00
Salem, by Rev. J. W. Harris	35 00

Ashland, by Rev. G. J. Webster	\$160 00
Hood River and White Salmon, by Rev. F. Balch	13 20
The Dalles, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, through Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D. D.	9 75
	16 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$33.75.

Black Diamond, \$10.40: Franklin, \$28.50, by Rev. M. P. Jones	38 90
Christopher, by Rev. O. L. Fowler	12 85
Skokomiah, Little Workers, by Rev. M. Eells, for Children's Bohemian Fund	2 00

CHINA—\$5 00.

Shanse, "Wei Hsiang"	5 00
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HOME MISSIONARY..... 165 41

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Donations of Clothing, etc.

Albany, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Miss C. Jones, box and cash	\$176 50
Bellows Falls, Vt., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. R. C. Hitchcock, barrel	110 00
Bridgeport, Ct., Ladies of North Ch., by Hattie S. Palmer, box	160 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Clinton Ave. Ch., by Mrs. W. P. Halsted, box	
Brunswick, Me., Mrs. Mary Barrows, bundle	
Canandaigua, N. Y., Ladies of First Ch., by Mrs. Henry M. Field, box and cash	260 00
Chatham Center, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. L. S. Rogers, barrel	65 00
Chicago, Ill., Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. R. O. Cassell, box	268 00
Ladies' Aid Soc. of Leavitt Ch., by Rev. Leroy Warren, box	304 35
Cincinnati, O., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Walnut Hills Ch., by Mrs. F. L. Page, two barrels and carpet	125 00
Claremont, N. H., Ladies' Assoc., by Fannie S. Goss, barrel	70 00
Cleveland, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Euclid Ave. Ch., by Mrs. J. W. Moore, two barrels	196 13
Detroit, Mich., Ladies' Union, by Martha L. Miller, two barrels	159 10
Eastford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Henry Trowbridge, barrel	30 00
East Jaffrey, N. H., The "Cheerful Helpers," Young Peoples' Miss. Circle, by Caroline S. Rinnells, barrel	29 21
East Orange, N. J., Trinity Ch., by Harriet E. Halsey, box	230 00
Fair Haven, Ct., Ladies of First Ch., by Mrs. E. C. Hall, box, barrel, and cash	167 82
Hartford, Ct., Broadway Ch., by Mrs. Gertrude H. Linnell, through the Woman's Cong. Home Miss. Union of Ct., box	95 44
Ladies' Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., by Hattie E. Cowles, through The Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Ct., two barrels	213 21
Homer, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Ellen F. Phillips, barrel	54 89
Keene, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of	

Second Ch, by Mary E. Darling, barrel	\$25 00
Little Compton, R. I. Ladies' Sociable of the United Ch., by Rev. W. D. Hart, barrel and cash	51 65
Lockport, N. Y., Young Ladies' Miss. Band, by Frederica Marshall, box and freight	61 75
Lowell, Mass., Rev. Dr. Dana, box hymn books	
Madison, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. L. H. Kimball, barrel	86 93
Ladies' Charitable Soc. and Young Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. J. S. Hoyt, barrel	127 38
Mansfield, O. Woman's Benev. Soc., by Susan M. Sturges, barrel and freight	108 36
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. by Sarah L. Browning, box	253 61
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon, barrel, cash, and freight	116 00
Milford, N. H., Miss H. J. Gilson, box	57 85
Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. J. R. D. Noyes, two boxes and barrel	145 00
New York City, Anonymous, bundle	
North Fairfield, Ct., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. W. Cooke, barrel	47 30
North Manchester, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Barber, barrel	102 00
Norwalk, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss E. W. Brown, barrel and freight	150 00
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Park Ch., by Mrs. Lydia B. Young, box and freight	237 82
Orange, N. J., Blizzard Soc., by Mrs. W. C. Conant, package	
Phillipston, Mass., Mrs. S. W. Baker, box	
Port Huron, Mich., Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., by Rev. Leroy Warren, box	60 75
Saco, Me., First Parish Ch. and Young People's Home Miss. Soc., by L. A. Leavitt, two barrels and half barrel	165 00
St. Louis, Mo., Ladies' Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. F. Funsten, two barrels	150 20
Sherborn, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Miss Althea Bickford, barrel	
Simsbury, Ct., Ladies, by Mrs. A. J. Holcomb, barrel and box	75 00
Springfield, Ill., Woman's Miss Soc. of First Ch., by Ellen S. Edwards, barrel	67 90
Stafford Springs, Ct., E. J. McLaughlin, box	116 00
Stonington, Ct., Mrs. Martha Todd Hill, box	198 70
Syracuse, N. Y., Ladies' Soc. of Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. H. F. Kendall, barrel	100 00
Tilton, N. H., Ladies, by C. C. Sampson, two barrels	66 80
Thompson, Ct., Ladies' Soc., by Miss Ellen D. Larned, barrel	90 00
Warren, Mass., Miss Edith W. Chadsey, package	65 00
Washington, D. C., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by M. B. McCormick, barrel	88 35
Young People's Union of First Ch., by H. E. Mann, barrel	75 00
Waterbury, Ct., Woman's Benev. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. G. C. Hill, box and freight	135 86
Wilton, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. Edward Olmstead, barrel, freight, and cash	84 21
Woodstock, Vt., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Carrie A. Munger, barrel, freight, and bundle	80 00

Worcester, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. E. W. Vaill, four barrels. \$255 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Missionary Society from October 1 to November 2, L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

Alton	25 00
Bethlehem, \$7; Mrs. B. F. Winch, \$5.	12 00
Berlin Mills	11 00
Center Harbor, for A.H.M.S.	5 00
Chichester, Legacy of Augustus Mudge	267 00
Conway	10 00
Exeter, First	102 00
Gorham, \$4.61; S. S., \$2	6 61
Hanover, Dartmouth College	111 75
Hanover Center, Friends, to const. a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00
Hinsdale	18 51
Laconia, to const. John P. Miller a L. M.	77 00
Lyme	10 25
Lyndeboro	14 51
Milton	10 00
Nashua, First	50 00
Stoddard, Rev. Geo. B. Cutler	2 00
Webster	27 00
Wentworth	5 00
New Hampshire Cent Society	107 00
	\$1,548 00

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society in November, J. C. EMMET, Esq., Treas.

Acutneyville, Mr. and Mrs. N. Gage	\$10 00
Bennington Center	50 33
Brookfield, Second Ch.	14 18
Cabot	20 00
Cambridgeport, special	18 50
Corinth, East	7 94
Chester, Ladies' Cent Soc.	11 14
Essex	6 53
Greensboro	6 50
Jamaica, Sunbeam Band	8 00
Jericho	12 65
Johnson	48 35
Marlboro, special	19 00
Manchester	2 10
Royalton, Rev. S. P. Giddings	5 00
Saxton's River, special	38 00
Springfield	84 88
St. Johnsbury, A Friend	5 00
A Friend	10 00
Sudbury	18 50
Townshend, special	47 00
West, special	20 00
Wallingford	87 70
Ladies' Cent Soc.	22 30
Warren	4 00
Westminster, West, special	50 00
Williston, Mrs. A. Bliss	1 00
Wolcott	2 00
Supply	5 00
	\$229 00

Received by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:

Rutland	\$20 00
Dorset	15 00
St. Johnsbury, North Ch.	50 00

Waterbury, Ladies.....	\$9 50	
Miss Glysson, for Debt.....	9 00	
		\$126 50
		\$707 44

Received by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas.:	
Rutland, W. H. M. S., for A. H. M. S.....	\$30 00
Auxiliary fee.....	5 00
St. Johnsbury, W. H. M. S., North Ch., for A. H. M. S., to const. Mrs. Horace Fairbanks, Mrs. C. M. Stone, and Mrs. T. M. Howard, L. Ms. of W. H. M. U.....	60 00
M. E. F., for A. H. M. S.....	50 00
	145 00

Total for W. H. M. U.
in November.....

\$371 50

W. H. M. Soc., North Ch., Box..... \$143 37

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in Nov., REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Wford, Dana, Rev. J. Jay, to const. Mrs. A. M. Sperry a L. M.....	\$30 00
undover, Chapel, by W. F. Draper, for A. H. M. S.....	112 00
Hayward E. F. for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
North, by Jas. S. Sanborn.....	100 00
Wrlington, a Friend.....	50
A Sandwich Island Orphan, for Church at Alma, Neb.....	50
leecher, Ill., First, A Friend, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
elmont, Waverley, by William Jewett everly, Dane St., by Henry Woodbury.....	45 00
Washington St., A little Miss who would contribute.....	250 00
lackatons, by Rev. L. M. Pierce.....	5 00
oston, A Friend, "H.".....	29 00
"B. & L." for the Debt.....	4 40
Central, by J. N. Denison.....	5 00
Dexter, Rev. Morton, for A. H. M. S. Dorchester, Harvard, by E. L. Gleason.....	2,706 27
	25 00
East, Maverick, by E. H. Allen.....	6 00
Mt. Vernon.....	52 30
By T. Y. Crowell.....	15 00
By Mrs. S. C. Warren.....	374 94
Old South, by R. H. Stearns, to const. five L. Ms.....	300 00
Park St., by W. B. Garritt.....	733 60
Ladies' Homeland Circle, by Miss Isabella Hobart.....	517 65
Roxbury, Elliot, by Alpine McLean, for A. H. M. S.....	25 00
Saratoga, Crete Coll., pledge of J. A. Eaton.....	178 36
Saratoga, Crete Coll., pledge of Mrs. S.....	5 00
Saratoga, Crete Coll., pledge of A. McLean.....	2 00
Highland, Rev. W. R. Campbell.....	-33 00
Walnut Ave., by Chas. T. Barry, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
South, Phillips Y. P. S. C. E., Home Miss. Soc., special, for Rev. W. H. Bonnell, Idaho, by Miss Helen Patterson.....	357 37
Union, Mon. Con. Coll., by A. Gay.....	2 50
Springfield, First, by M. H. Corbin.....	10 76
	8 50

Whitcomb, Mrs. Louisa S., Estate of, by N. S. Hubbard.....	\$200 00
Brookfield, Miss S. C. Tufts.....	5 00
Cambridge, Shepard, A Member, by Geo. S. Saunders.....	50 00
Cambridgeport, Wood Memorial, by L. F. Stevens.....	77
Charlemont, East, Thank-offering, by J. H. Hoffman.....	7 00
Chelsea, Langworthy, Mrs. S. W., for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Chicopee, Miss E. Woodworth.....	5 00
Dalton, by Rev. S. M. Andrews, to const. a L. M.....	103 00
Dighton, North, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. N. Smith.....	10 00
Douglas, First, by Rev. James Wells..	17 78
Dover, Rev. A. M. Rice.....	5 00
D—m, A Friend, for Rev. E. A. Adams, Chicago, special.....	50 00
Enfield, by L. D. Potter, for A. H. M. S. Fairhaven, First, by Susan P. Willcox.....	60 19
Falmouth, East, by Rev. S. Morrison.....	10 00
Foxboro, Orth, by Horace Carpenter.....	21 23
Gloucester, Magnolia, by Rev. J. Colt.....	5 00
West, by Rev. J. Colt.....	5 00
Groveland, by Mary A. Clarke.....	16 00
Halifax, by J. P. Thompson.....	14 50
Hampden, Benev. Assoc. by Chas. Marsh, Treas.:	
Holyoke, Second, for Bohemian Work.....	\$30 43
Monson, S. S.....	10 00
South Hadley Falls.....	17 01
Westfield, Second.....	33 86
West Springfield, First.....	37 00
Park St.....	343 06
Y. P. S. C. E.....	23 00
	524 26
Hinsdale, by C. J. Kittridge.....	94 75
Hubbardston, Try-to-do-good Soc., for Bohem. Fund, by Mrs. A. D. Grimes.....	9 00
Hyde Park, Clarendon Hills, Y. P. S. C. E., by Andrew Bates.....	6 00
Ipswich, First, by N. R. Farley.....	55 00
South, by Rev. T. Frank Waters.....	80 00
Lakeville, by Rev. T. B. Andrews.....	2 94
Leominster, North, Burrage Leonard, Estate of, by M. D. Haws, Exr.....	159 60
Lincoln, A Friend.....	5 00
Littleton, by J. F. Houghton, for A. H. M. S.....	30 00
Lowell, John St., by Wm. Morey.....	48 90
Malden, Faulkner, S. M. S., for S. S. Work.....	2 00
Linden, Union, by Chas. Ashdown.....	10 00
Linden, Union, for So. Medford Ch., by C. Ashdown.....	10 00
Ladies' Social Circle, by Mrs. Dodge.....	10 00
Melrose, Miss L. S. Murdock, for Le Semeur.....	1 00
Middleton, Ladies' H. Miss. Soc., by Mrs. M. E. Stiles.....	5 00
Milton, Mrs. E. E. V. Field.....	10 00
Newbury, First, "Mon. Con. Coll.," by Rev. F. W. Sanborn.....	10 17
West, First, by Rev. E. B. Pike.....	50 00
Newburyport, Prospect St., from Friends.....	15 00
Newton, Auburndale.....	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Day.....	100 00
Center, A Friend, Thank-offering.....	50 00
Eliot, Mission Circle, for Children's Bohem. Fund, by Miss Mabel Eddy.....	10 00
New Salem, Thank-offering, for aid of Rev. R. M. Taft, by Rev. A. R. Plumer.....	8 31
North Brookfield, First, by A. G. Stone, to const. Julius Garst and Luther Snell L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.....	100 00
Norwood, First, by Edson D. Smith.....	81 59
Special, for Rev. E. A. Adams Bohem. Work.....	73 26

Orange, Central, by Henry W. Foster, for A. H. M. S.	\$3 36
North, by N. F. Blodgett	10 00
Peru, Stowell, Mrs. Harriet B., by Milo Stowell	10 00
Phillipston, Baker, Mrs. S. W., for freight	2 00
Randolph, Annie T. Belcher and Marion Belcher, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson	25 00
Rochester, First, by G. B. Haskell	40 47
North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews	2 85
Rockport, First, by Zeno A. Appleton	19 04
Rowley, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss E. Mighill, for freight	4 00
Sherborn, Ladies, by Miss Althea Bickford, for freight	2 00
Shutesbury, by Nathl. A. Briggs	8 00
Somerville, Prospect Hill, by M. P. Elliot, to const. Wilbur S. Clarke and Geo. A. Kimball L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	100 48
South Hadley, First, by L. M. Gaylord	40 25
Spencer, S. S. Class No. 28, by Mrs. J. W. Temple, for Rev. H. A. Schaufler's Bohem. Work	17 00
Sterling, Ladies, by Emma A. Wilder, for freight	3 00
Stoneham, Mon. Con. Coll., by Rev. D. A. Newton	6 29
Stoughton, Saml. Clapp, Interest	100 00
Walpole, Johnson, Mrs. Loring, to const. herself and Miss Kate A. Craig L. Ms.	60 00
Johnson Loring, for newspapers of Rev. E. A. Adams, Chicago	50 00
Waltham, Trlu., by T. W. Temple	51 51
Watertown, Phillips, by J. Q. A. Pierce	87 04
Westford, A Friend, and Rev. C. H. Rowley, 50 each, for "Pelt Fund."	1 00
Westhampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc., for Bohem. Work, by Mrs. E. R. Torrey	10 00
Williamsburgh, Haydenville, A Church Member, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
Williamstown, South, S. S., by J. C. Torrey, to const. Miss C. Torrey a L. M.	27 30
Winchendon, First, by C. J. Rice	22 00
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan "P." for Rev. H. A. Schanffer's Bohem. Work	29 80
Worcester, Central, by E. H. Sanford	5 00
Plymouth, "Extra, for A. H. M. S. Shortage."	271 92
Yarmouth, First, by Rev. John W. Dodge	100 00
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Home Missionary.....

\$9,293 35

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\$9,298 30

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in November.

Boston, Roxbury, West, So. Evan, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. J. Smith, barrel	\$112 00
Union, Sewing Circle, by Mrs. Hiram Orcut, two barrels and freight	200 11
Boxford, West, Ladies, by Miss Anna P. Park, barrel and freight	92 50
Bradford, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Sarah S. Bird, barrel, box and freight	87 50
Brimfield, Ladies' Benev., by Mrs. Julia A. Sherman, barrel and Congregationalist, one year	96 25
Concord, Trin., Ladies' Miss. Soc. by Miss Mary Monroe, two barrels	147 50
Danvers, First, Ladies' Ben. Soc., by Lily S. Rice, barrel	114 35
Fairhaven, Ladies, by Georgia E. Fairfield, barrel and freight	52 00
Fitchburg, Rollstone, Ladies' Benev.	

Soc., by Mrs. C. T. Harding, box and freight	\$77 14
Housatonic, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. T. G. Ramsdell, barrel	100 00
Ipswich, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Lucy R. Farley, barrel	60 00
Lancaster, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. L. W. Morey, barrel	44 00
Lawrence, Lawrence St., Ladies, by Mrs. Susan J. Quimby, barrel and freight	159 12
Trinity, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. W. Walker, barrel	84 73
Leicester, Ladies' Chur. Soc., by Miss E. E. Loring, two barrels and freight	150 00
Marlboro, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. F. C. Curtis, barrel	81 30
Medway, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by M. E. Fisher, barrel and freight	110 70
Melrose, Ladies' Soc. Circle, by Mrs. Clinton White, barrel and freight	103 80
Milford, Ladies, by Mrs. Mary A. Jones, barrel	75 25
Millbury, Second, Ladies, by Alice A. Mallalieu, box, unappraised	
Newbury, First, Ladies, by Miss A. M. B. Little, barrel and freight	75 00
Newton, Eliot, Ladies, by Mrs. E. J. Locke, two barrels and freight	300 65
Newtonville, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. Z. D. Kelly, barrel and freight	52 90
Oxford, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. W. N. B. T. Dean, barrel	80 00
Palmer, Second, Ladies, by Rev. H. W. Pope, box	120 00
Phillipston, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. S. W. Baker, supplies	33 50
Pittsfield, First, Free Will Soc., by Mrs. Mary B. Davis, two barrels and box	250 29
Reading, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Edna S. Parker, barrel	100 00
Rowley, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss E. Mighill, barrel (*cash for freight, \$4)	26 17
Sherborn, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Althea Bickford, barrel (*cash for freight, \$2)	35 75
Southboro, Pilgrim, H. M. Soc., by Mary E. Collins, barrel	41 00
Springfield, South, Ladies, by Mrs. G. C. McClean, barrel	83 07
Sterling, Ladies, by Miss Emma A. Wilder, barrel (*cash for freight, \$3)	47 80
Sutton, Ladies, by Mrs. I. W. Putnam, barrel and freight	45 75
Ware, East, Ladies, by Mr. A. Barlow, three barrels, and cash	140 00
Westhampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. P. Torrey, box and freight	75 00
Weymouth, South, Second, Ladies, by Mrs. Wm. Dyer, box	96 16
Union, Ladies, by Mrs. M. O. Reed, barrel, and cash	153 00
Whitman, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. Sarah P. Smith, barrel and freight	75 60
Worcester, Central, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. A. Sumner, barrel, unappraised	
Summer St., Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. W. T. Sleeper, barrel and freight	53 00

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*Reported in Receipts for November.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in November, 1888. WARD W. JACOB, Treas.

Bridgeport, Park St., by F. W. Storms,

for A. H. M. S., \$11; C. M. •	
for A. H. M. S., \$60; Y. P.	
E., \$10; to const. Peter J.	
and Fred'k W. Hall, both of	
port, L. Ma.	\$115 38
d, by Jas. L. Harlem	17 21
sonia, by B. A. Cramer	30 39
son, Broad Brook, by	
dams	\$14 50
M. S.	13 40
	27 90
ft. Carmel, by F. T. Jarman	34 47
Park, by Willis E.	
M. S.	\$207 81
	8 90
	216 71
r, First, by C. E.	
M. S.	\$69 92
	10 00
a, South, by Edward Doug-	
ook, by Robert Chapman,	
Rev. Bernard Paine, of Say-	
L. M.	79 92
Wauregan, by Rev. S. H.	
with \$35, contributed Mar-	
const. Dea. Henry N. Wood,	
Waukegan, a L. M.	15 00
William Morse	24 23
Georgetown, by C. A. Jen-	
omerville, by E. C. Chap-	
lanover, special, for work in	
er, by Rev. L. H. Higgins	22 00
Staffordville, Sidney Smith.	5 00
Long Ridge, by Rev. S. Y.	
	10 00
i, by P. Darrow	15 65
M. H. Kenney	8 00
Second, by B. G. Bryan,	
by A. M. Blakeley, \$50	278 36

Wethersfield, by S. F. Willard	\$91 95
Woodstock, by Henry T. Child	35 27
	\$1,161 62

Hartford, Asylum Hill, a box from the	
Ladies' Society, value	\$142 76

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged	\$7,598 37
Connecticut, New Britain, \$30; New	
Haven, \$187; Middletown, \$50	267 00
District of Columbia, Washington	50 00
Illinois, W. H. M. U.	8 50
Massachusetts, Springfield, \$500; W.	
H. M. A., \$100	600 00
Michigan, Galesburg, \$10; Kalamazoo,	
\$4.50; Manistee, \$10; Michigan Cen-	
ter, \$10; Stanton, \$10; St. Clair, \$110	154 50
Minnesota, St. Paul	23 00
New York, Brooklyn, \$276.30; Flush-	
ing, \$46.51	322 81
South Dakota, Yankton	20 00
	\$9,044 18

YOUNG LADIES' SWEDISH FUND.

Previously acknowledged	15 00
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CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged and appro-	
riated	\$2,650 91
Massachusetts, M. H. M. S.	12 00
Washington Territory, Skokomish	2 00
	\$2,664 91

Roman's State H. M. Organizations.

OFFICERS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MALE CENT INSTITUTION,
Organized August, 1805.
Miss A. A. McFarland, 196 Main St.,
Concord.

MINNESOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized September, 1872.
Mrs. E. S. Williams, 1729 11th Avenue
S., Minneapolis.
Miss Katherine T. Plant, 2651 Port-
land Avenue, Minneapolis.
Mrs. M. W. Skinner, Northfield.

MAINE.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY AUXILIARY,
Organized June, 1880.
Mrs. Katherine B. Lewis, So. Ber-
wick.
Mrs. Gertrude H. Denio, 168 Ham-
mond St., Bangor.
Mrs. Rose M. Crosby, 26 Grove St.,
Bangor.

MICHIGAN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1881.
Mrs. George M. Lane, 47 Miami Ave.,
Detroit.

Secretary, Mrs. Leroy Warren, Lansing.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Greenville.

KANSAS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
Organized October, 1881.
President, Mrs. F. J. Storrs, Topeka.
Secretary, Mrs. George L. Epps, Topeka.
Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Dougherty, Ottawa.

OHIO.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized May, 1882.
President, Mrs. J. G. W. Cowles, 417 Sibley St.,
Cleveland.
Secretary, Mrs. Flora K. Regal, Oberlin.
Treasurer, Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts, 95 Monroe
Ave., Columbus.

NEW YORK.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,
Organized October, 1883.
President, Mrs. Wm. Kincaid, 483 Greene Ave.,
Brooklyn.
Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Spaulding, 6 Salmon Block,
Syracuse.
Treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Cobb, 59 Bible House, New
York City.

WISCONSIN.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized October, 1883.

President, Mrs. H. A. Miner, Madison.*Secretary*, Mrs. C. Matter, Brodhead.*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. C. Keeler, Beloit.

NORTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized November, 1883.

President, Mrs. A. J. Pike, Dwight.*Secretary*, Mrs. Silas Daggett, Harwood.*Treasurer*, Mrs. J. M. Fisher, Fargo.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized July, 1884.

President, Mrs. G. H. Atkinson, Portland, Or.*Secretary*, Mrs. N. F. Cobleigh, Walla Walla, W. T.*Treasurer*, Mrs. G. A. Rockwood, Oregon City, Or.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized September, 1884.

President, Mrs. T. M. Hills, Sioux Falls.*Secretary*, Mrs. W. R. Dawes, Redfield.*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Fifield, Lake Preston.

CONNECTICUT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized January, 1885.

President, Mrs. Francis B. Cooley, Hartford.*Secretary*, Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, 171 Capitol Ave., Hartford.*Treasurer*, Mrs. W. W. Jacobs, 19 Spring St., Hartford.

MISSOURI.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

Organized May, 1885.

President, Mrs. C. L. Goodell, 3006 Pine St., St. Louis.*Secretary*, Mrs. E. P. Bronson, 3100 Chestnut St., St. Louis.*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. E. Cook, 4145 Bell Ave., St. Louis.

ILLINOIS.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1885.

President, Mrs. B. F. Leavitt, 409 Orchard St., Chicago.*Secretary*, Mrs. C. H. Taintor, 151 Washington St., Chicago.*Treasurer*, Mrs. C. E. Maltby, Champaign.

IOWA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized June, 1886.

President, Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Grinnell.*Secretary*, Miss Ella E. Marsh, Box 232, Grinnell.*Treasurer*, Mrs. M. J. Nicholson, 1513 Main St., Dubuque.

CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized October, 1887.

President, Mrs. M. L. Merritt, 686 34th St., Oakland.*Secretary*, Mrs. L. M. F. Eastman, 516 Valencia

St., San Francisco.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Havens, Highland Park, Oakland.

NEBRASKA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized November, 1887.

President, Mrs. T. H. Leavitt, 1216 H St., Lincoln.*Secretary*, Mrs. L. F. Berry, 724 No. Broad St., Fremont.*Treasurer*, Mrs. D. B. Perry, Crete.

FLORIDA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Organized February, 1888.

President, Mrs. S. F. Gale, Jacksonville.*Secretary*, Mrs. Nathan Barrows, Winter Park.*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. C. Partridge, Longwood.

INDIANA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. C. H. Rogers, Michigan City.*Secretary*, Mrs. W. E. Mosaman, Fort Wayne.*Treasurer*, Mrs. L. F. Perdue, Terre Haute.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized May, 1888.

President, Mrs. Elijah Cash, Box 346, Los Angeles.*Secretary*, Mrs. H. K. W. Bent, Box 426, Pasadena.*Treasurer*, Mrs. A. L. Bangs, 78 North Griffin Ave., East Los Angeles.

VERMONT.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION,

Organized June, 1888.

President, Mrs. A. B. Swift, 101 Elmwood Ave., Burlington.*Secretary*, Mrs. E. C. Osgood, 14 First Ave., Montpelier.*Treasurer*, Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, St. Johnsbury.

COLORADO AND WYOMING.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Organized October, 1888.

President, Mrs. J. W. Pickett, White Water, Colorado.*Secretary*, Mrs. Sidney Packard, Pueblo, Colorado.*Treasurer*, Mrs. S. A. Sawyer, Boulder, Colorado.*For Wyoming*, Mrs. C. T. Goodell, 24th and E Sts., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

GEORGIA.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

Organized November, 1888.

President, Mrs. A. F. Sherrill, West Peachtree St., Atlanta.*Secretary*, Mrs. M. P. Higgins, 380 Peachtree Atlanta.*Treasurer*, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

J. W. MOORE.

THE
HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....Rom. x. 15.

LXI. FEBRUARY, 1889. No. 10.

WORK IN THE SIXTY-SECOND YEAR.

APRIL 1, 1887, TO MARCH 31, 1888.

REGULAR Cash Receipts, \$548,729.87
Regular Cash Payments, 511,641.86
 gratuitous Supplies to Missionaries, received
 and appropriated, 67,259.00
Number of Home Missionaries in service in
 42 States and Territories, 1,584

these, in New England, 387; Middle States, 110; Southern
 40; Southwestern States, 104; Western States and Territories,
 on the Pacific Coast, 131.

attached to congregations of Scandinavians, 45; Germans, 35;
 26; Bohemians, 23; Frenchmen, 6; Colored people, 5; Mexi-
 1; Indians, 2; Chinese, 2; Danes, 1; Spaniards, 1.

Churches and Stations *regularly* supplied, . . 3,084
 Stations supplied *occasionally*, more than . . 1,000
 New Churches organized, 130
 Churches brought to self-support, 59
 Hopeful Conversions reported, 8,120

Additions to Aided Churches: On Confession,
 6,310; by Letter, 3,702, 10,012

Houses of Worship and Chapels built, 131
 Parsonages built, 33

Young Men in aided churches preparing for the
 Ministry, 87

Sunday-schools organized, 288

Scholars taught in them, 129,462

WORK IN SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

ENDING MARCH 31, 1888.

THE Society began its work in 1826, with 169 missionaries, of whom 129 wrought in the Middle States, 33 in the Western, 5 in the Southern, 1 in New England, and 1 in Canada, where the work was transferred, in 1844, to the British Colonial Missionary Society. The gain has been gradual and fairly steady, save for the total cessation of work at the South in the years 1859-1865 and its later rise there so rapid as to employ 123 missionaries in 1885 (now 144).

The first missionaries were sent to Wisconsin and Iowa, in 1835; to Oregon, in 1846; California and Minnesota, in 1849; Kansas, 1854; Nebraska, 1855; Colorado, 1863; Utah, 1865; Dakota, 1867; Washington Territory, 1870; Nevada and Idaho, 1871; Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, 1881.

In these sixty-two years the regular cash outlay has been \$12,135,-422.07; extra supplies received and appropriated, more than \$1,100,000. Years of labor performed, 42,149. Additions to aided churches, 355,985. Churches organized (of which many were, and some are Presbyterian), 4,951; brought to self-support, 2,430.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

According to our custom of keeping the friends of Home Missions fully acquainted with this Society's financial condition, we give the following facts:

The receipts into the general Treasury in the first nine months of this fiscal year, April 1-Dec. 31, have been: From contributions, \$164,964; from Legacies, \$40,736. As compared with the same months of last year, this shows a falling off of \$9,892 in offerings, and \$29,158 in Legacies, \$39,050 in all.

The Society's notes at the banks amount to \$85,000, of which one for \$15,000 falls due on the 28th of this month. There is also due the missionaries for labor done and reported, \$13,500, which should be paid to-day. To meet the grants already made and those foreseen for missionary services and expenses in the next three months, there will be required about \$201,000. The receipts at this office in the same months of last year were \$160,775. Obviously, therefore, even the liberal receipts of those three months must be increased by \$40,000, if the Society is to see the end of its fiscal year free of debt to its missionaries and the banks.

Of the \$160,775 income in the three closing months of last year came from Legacies. We see no present reason

to hope for such a sum from that source in the coming three months. By extra labor and planning, however, Executors of Wills in which the Society is interested may very likely render much material aid. As for the rest, what can we do but lay the burden upon the churches, pastors, and friends, who never yet have failed to come to the help of the Treasury in its times of need?

RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OTIS.—Rev. C. C. Otis, who for the last sixteen months has filled the office of Financial Superintendent, has yielded to the allurements of the pastorate and accepted the call of the Congregational Church of Norwich, N. Y. Mr. Otis was invited from the Superintendency of Washington Territory to the office in New York and has accomplished a valuable and much needed service in preparing attractive home missionary literature for churches and Sunday-schools. His pamphlets and charts have been widely circulated and have already done a good work in stirring up and informing the people of the nature of our work and its needs. Mr. Otis retires with the good will and affectionate regards of the Committee and the Officers of the Society. The Church in Norwich is to be congratulated upon securing for its pastor a man so well fitted by nature for the pastorate, and so enriched by experience.

INGATHERING.—Reports begin to come in of winter revivals throughout the mission field. Such news does good like a medicine. The Secretaries in the office envy their brethren on the field who are privileged to mingle in these delightful scenes. Happy the State Superintendent who can tear himself loose for a time from the routine duties of administration and lend a hand in such congenial employment. Superintendent Curtis of Indiana, packing his valise for a vacation of this kind, sends us these exultant words:

“I leave home to-day to spend some six weeks continuously in revival meetings on missionary fields. My library for the nonce is my Oxford Bible, McChesney's Sermons, Finney on Revivals, Williams on the Lord's Prayer, and Smiley's 'Fullness of Blessing.' Pray for us. Such work is like heaven, compared with the attempt to meet the exigencies of a natural gas boom, in exploring, looking up church members, and haunting real estate offices to beg or buy corner lots.”

“WHAT does the West want? Men, consecrated in HEAD and HEART.”

THE leading article in this issue, by Rev. J. S. Ives, of Stratford, Ct., was read before the Fairfield East Consociation at its recent session.

THE illustration upon page 411 in the January Magazine, should have been entitled "The First Protestant House of Worship in St. Ignace, Michigan."

SUPERINTENDENT EVERSZ has completed his German Church Manual, which he calls the new "Kirchenbote," and which finds quite general approval. About one half of the \$1,000 needed has been secured. Superintendent Eversz is full of hope that the friends of the cause will see this thing through. The German Sunday-school paper will soon be out. It is to be called "Der Segensquell," "The Fount of Blessing."

THOSE who have given the Sunday-school Concert Exercise, "An Evening in Sweden," consider the Swedish costumes an attractive feature of the entertainment. These costumes will be sent, and may be returned without expense to the applicant, *provided* a collection for the American Home Missionary Society is a part of the programme.

THE thank-offering of \$317 in gold from Missouri, is a special gift to the Society from the ladies of the Pilgrim Church, St. Louis.

CONTRIBUTORS to the "Frontier Exchange Library," through which Rev. W. B. D. Gray, Lake Henry, Dakota, makes use of partly worn Sunday-school books, will welcome the tidings that "they have borne fruit abundantly." These second-hand books are repaired by means of paste and skill, sent out to home missionary Sunday-schools, thoroughly read and circulated, returned to this novel hospital, where they are again put into shape for further circulation. This process continues until the books are actually read out of existence.

WE have in press a new leaflet entitled "Hints and Helps for Old and Young in Mission Circles." It contains forms of constitution for Woman's Unions; also for societies of ladies, young ladies, young men, boys and girls. It touches upon missionary meetings, missionary boxes, and missionary salaries; methods of work and of raising funds. Suggestions are also offered by which the Sunday-school may take a more *active interest* in Home Missions. For this leaflet, apply to The American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, New York City.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HOME MISSIONS.

BY REV. JOEL S. IVES, STRATFORD, CT.

NEAR the end of His earthly ministry, during that peculiarly tender communion of the last Passover, in that marvelous converse recorded in the Gospel according to John, the Master tells his disciples, in language which could not reverently be spoken by human lips, "*All things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. Ye did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.*" The force of this Scripture is irresistible that it was the mission of Christ to come as the world's Savior, preaching this good news, and to die as the world's ransom; and not the less, that those who believe on his name are received into the closest friendship, commissioned with the same work which Christ began, and promised the wisdom and the power of God in its accomplishment. If Christ came to save the world, the Church of Christ is intrusted with the same commission. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the disciples of Christ hold up the crucified One to the sight of all peoples, and nations, and tribes upon the face of the whole earth. OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SAVE THE WORLD.

This responsibility meets us in our own homes. Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been brought up. It meets us in our community life. The Christian Church began at Jerusalem. In the present conditions of city and village life a tremendous responsibility rests upon the Church of Jesus Christ. Who stands a better chance of coming within the saving power of the gospel, the shop-hands of our large communities or the heathen of Japan? What shall we do in the face of the fact that multitudes in all our centers of population are total strangers to the Church; entirely indifferent to her welcome and her message of grace; enslaved by rum and far along the broad road to ruin? Is the Church losing or gaining? The building of luxurious churches, the preaching of intellectual sermons, the formal ordinances of the Church—do these meet the demands of the times? Shall we open our church doors only for a few hours once a week? Do those who love our Lord fulfill their obligation by the attendance for an hour at the Sunday morning service—the one distinctive act of worship for the week? Is it fair to charge up that man's religion in the ratio of one to one hundred and sixty-eight? Is it easier to do the work in Dakota—that is, to let some one else do it—than it is to leave our present homes and enticing literary work to go to the bad-smelling home of some needy sinner? Religion is a very comfortable thing on the avenue, but in the alley just beyond, it may not make the same appeal. But the obligations of brotherhood are forced upon our attention in all human relations and pursuits. "The obligation to

obey the law of love is inherent in the constitution of society." It is serve the Master that we preach Christ. Duty, therefore, is plain.

But what shall be said of the responsibility which rests upon us in the work in more than three thousand preaching stations—an appeal from forty-two States and Territories? It is an argument for self-preservation. It is an argument from patriotism. For we believe, that, patriotism and valor saved the Union from dismemberment and the flag from disgrace, so the Gospel shall save our united land from infidelity and anarchy, and put upon our banner the emblazoned cross of suffering and of glory, the emblem of present prosperity and peace, the earnest for the future days. It is an appeal not for America only, but for the world. The words of command are universal in their application, whether as to preacher or to people. They are GO YE—EVERYWHERE!

The present crisis in Home Missions makes a special appeal. All things are now ready. "Forward, the whole line," is the only wise order to be given. Burning questions await an answer. "Must the Pilgrim faith and polity yield now to others the future privilege and honor of evangelizing the new States and Territories?" Shall the folly of Kadesh-Barnea be repeated by the churches of the United States? There are giants in the land. They are strongly entrenched within the battlements of Indifference, Appetite, and Mammon. It is for us to destroy them in the name of the God of Israel. Who has the trumpet voice that he may speak unto the people that they GO FORWARD?

Our nation will do well to be a student of history. Judah and Israel in Uzziah's time were more powerful than the kingdom under David: but the fire on the altar had gone out. Amos of Tekoa was already thundering the inevitable result of forsaking God. Not the less in America is it true that outward prosperity will not insure the permanence of the nation. The responsibility for our perpetuity rests upon the people of God. We must plant the sanctuary of Jehovah in the midst of the nation.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—V.

REV. MARCUS WHITMAN MONTGOMERY,

SUPERINTENDENT of the work among the SCANDINAVIANS, was born at Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York, June 21, 1839. He was named in honor of Dr. Marcus Whitman, the missionary to the Indians, who saved Oregon to the United States. Dr. Whitman and Superintendent Montgomery's father grew up together and were special friends, and had a personal resemblance to each other which was quite remarkable. While yet a babe, Mr. Montgomery's parents moved by "covered wagon" conveyance to the pioneer wilderness of Jay County, Indiana, where he grew up and was converted under home missionary preaching.

During the winter of 1859, he was short-hand reporter in the Missouri Legislature; the next year married Miss Mary R. Votaw, and started a county newspaper at his home in Indiana. By pen and stump speeches, he assisted in carrying that county for Lincoln in 1860, and his paper subsequently helped to hold Indiana to that loyalty to the old flag which traitors in that State sought to undermine. In 1863 he published the "History of Jay County, Indiana," of which book 2000 copies were sold. Feeling deeply his need for more education, he sold out his paper, took two years at Wheaton College, Illinois, and then, accompanied by his wife, went to Amherst, Mass., where he entered Amherst College and graduated in 1869. During his college course he was short-hand private secretary to Pres. W. A. Stearns. Subsequently he graduated at Yale Divinity School; was called to make an effort to raise money to pay off the heavy debt which had about crushed the church at Fort Scott, Kansas. He succeeded in this, and then became pastor of the church. That climate proving injurious to his family, he returned to New England to raise funds for Washburn College, Topeka. He raised about \$8,000, and had only fairly begun his work when he was most unexpectedly called to the superintendency of Home Missions for Minnesota. Began this work in July, 1881, went to Sweden in 1884, upon his return wrote "Wind from the Holy Spirit in Sweden and Norway," and was afterwards appointed to superintend the work among the Scandinavians.

VI.

REV. EDWARD DANFORTH CURTIS.

DURING the winter of 1866, the Stone Street Church, Watertown, N. Y., was visited by a gracious revival. Rev. Dr. Baker, now of Philadelphia, was in the ardor of his first pastorate. There was a class of boys in that Sunday-school, taught by a young law student. The holy fire came upon them. The boys were led to Christ, and the teacher received a fresh baptism. Four of the class gave themselves to the gospel ministry: two, H. W. Congdon and Julius Werner, are Presbyterians; and two, P. M. Snyder and E. D. Curtis, are Congregationalists.

A SON OF THE PURITANS.

Twenty-two years before this, in 1844, Reuben Smith Curtis and Emma Warren Danforth were married in Ballston, N. Y. They at once removed to the then distant and new "Black River Country," and settled on an unimproved farm in Jefferson County, N. Y., there to establish a home. Here was born, on March 31, 1851, their eldest son, Edward Danforth Curtis, now Missionary Superintendent of Indiana. In early life he became inured to the toils and hardships incident to clearing the primeval forest and subduing the soil to cultivation. The family

was of New England origin, and the traditions and customs of the austere Puritan life had descended with undiminished force. The father was of the lineage of William Curtis, who settled in Stratford, Conn., in 1639, and the mother was a lineal descendant of Nicholas Danforth, who came to Cambridge, Mass., in 1634. Of him, Cotton Mather says, in the "*Magnolia*," "He was a gentleman of such repute in the world that it cost him a considerable sum to escape the knighthood which King Charles imposed on all, of so much per annum, and he was of such figure and esteem in the Church that he procured that famous lecture at Framlingham, in Suffolk, where he had a fine manor, which lecture was kept by Mr. Burroughs and other noted ministers of their times, to whom, and especially to Mr. Shepherd, he proved a '*Gaius*;' and this especially when the Laudian persecution scorched them."

A son, Thomas Danforth, was Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts for twenty years, and a leader of the Liberty party. He was the first treasurer and superintendent of Harvard College, carrying the burden for eighteen years of its precarious life, and leaving it much of his property. Madame Phebe Foxcroft Phillips, a granddaughter, did a similar service with kindred enthusiasm for the foundation of the Phillips institutions at Andover, Mass., and Exeter, N. H. Governor Belcher, of Massachusetts and New Jersey, was a grandson. Another son, Samuel, graduated in Harvard's first class, and dying in his pastorate in Roxbury, had it said of him by John Eliot, the Indian apostle, his colleague, "My brother Danforth died the saintliest death of any man I ever knew." Two of Samuel's sons, John and Samuel, were pastors for a lifetime, respectively, of the churches at Dorchester and Taunton. Azel Warren Danforth, the grandfather of Mr. Curtis, was for forty years an elder, and served in many civil offices, including membership in the New York Legislature and Constitutional Convention. This glimpse of a storied family past is valuable as disclosing the formative lines of Superintendent Curtis's zeal for Christian colleges and Congregational churches as institutions basic and essential to a true American civilization.

The American Home Missionary Society did not neglect the "lost sheep of New England," in the Black River Country. Here, as elsewhere, the self-denying labors of devoted missionaries saved to God and humanity many families upon whom had been expended generations of Christian training.

A "LITTLE BROWN MEETING-HOUSE"

was soon possessed in not over-cordial commonality by the Baptists and Congregationalists. On alternate Sabbaths the mixed congregation of struggling farmers and artisans listened to the teachings of a godly New England minister. The times strained heavily. Institutions were being

born in travail and agony. One constantly repeated saying of the missionary measured itself with every struggle after material advancement by the hard-beset settlers, and saved the community from moral deterioration. It burned itself into the soul of the young son of the deacon, as being the very breath of God in a forming civilization: "*Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase.*"

CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

In 1865 the family removed to Watertown, and the doors of the Collegiate Institute opened to receive him. Plans to aid his preparation for the ministry were devised and shared by Rev. Dr. Baker, Prof. M. M. Merrill, his teacher, and Dr. W. V. V. Rosa; but God ordered otherwise. Financial reverses followed the entrance upon city life, and, after two years of study, the call to the ministry was put in abeyance, and at the age of sixteen he went forth to win his way in the world. Passing by rapid transitions from teaching and clerical work to journalism, the centennial year found him a lay worker in the Congregational Church of Middletown, N. Y., Rev. Jonathan Crane, pastor. There was a period of hesitancy. Partial friends urged him forward in political and journalistic life. But the intense desire for a ministerial life prevailed.

A CANDIDATE FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Turning to the American Home Missionary Society as the good mother of his early religious life, he went to New York, and poured out his heart's desires before Dr. Clapp, in the missionary rooms. The fervor of the young man, as a child of missions, touched the good Secretary's heart. He gave a warm fatherly blessing to the candidate, the comfort and cheer of which have always remained. He had a similar experience with Dr. A. F. Beard, who was touched by the features of his examination for licensure by the Central New York Association. With men of such large hearts and quick sympathy with the Holy Spirit's workings at the head of our great benevolent societies, the A. H. M. S. and A. M. A., the querulousness sometimes displayed about questions of "comity" ought to be put forever at rest. THE WORK IS ONE. Thus doubly ordained to a missionary life, the work was taken up by the young man, under Dr. J. C. Holbrook's wise supervision, in the needy field of "Sand Bank," N. Y. From many brethren came cheer and assistance. For long, God has richly favored the Congregational fellowship of Central New York with rare spirits. The Congregational "*Renaissance*" in Central New York, now in full tide, is an epoch with its epoch makers.

AN ANSWER TO PRAYER.

Mr. Curtis graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in the regular course in 1882, receiving Professor Park's last course of lectures. Expected financial assistance had failed, and he knew not which way to

turn. In great distress *he prayed persistently* for light and help. A crisis came. Waking suddenly at midnight a light shone over his bed, and instantaneously the thought, as of "a voice speaking," was injected into his mind, "Write President Mark Hopkins!" He did so, with the result not only of President Hopkins's continued friendship, but of all needed financial assistance from Hon. W. E. Dodge, Prof. J. P. Gulliver, and others. The reality of this strange experience is firmly imbedded in his mind as an answer to prayer. During his middle vacation and senior year he, with the divine blessing, resurrected the old church at Bradford, N. H. An "Historical Address," delivered in Jackson Hall, Lowell, at a reunion, was printed and extensively circulated, and an article in the *Advance*, on "Methods of Church Extension," attracted the attention of missionary workers in the West.

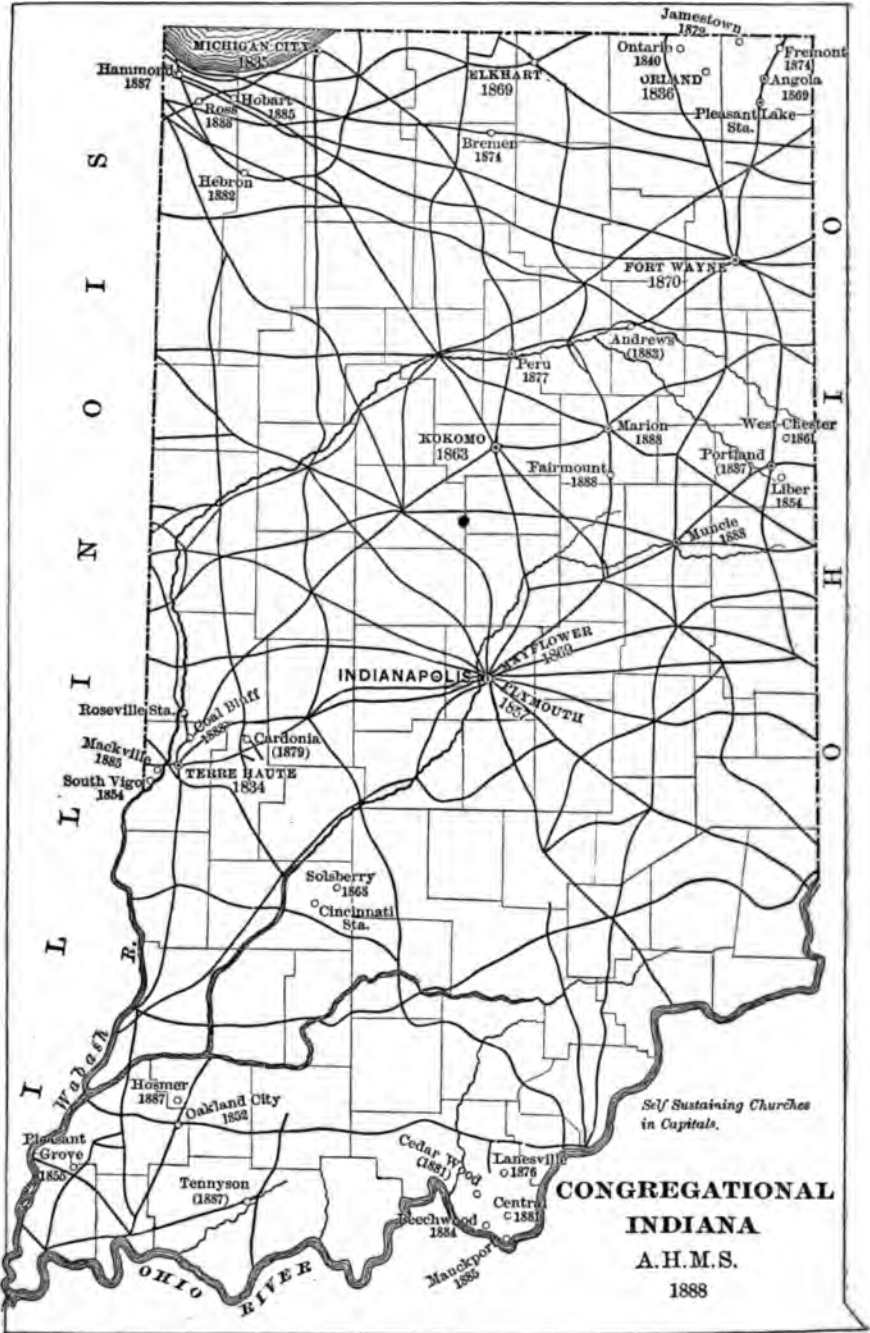
FRONTIER LIFE.

Turning away from offering opportunities in Massachusetts, Mr. Curtis, with the co-operation of Drs. Holbrook and W. M. Barrows, went forth to the frontier, and plunged into the work. For a year at Wahpeton, in the Dakota Red River Valley, he visited and explored the fields, at least three of which—Dwight, Fort Abercrombie, and Barnesville—have now organized churches. By reason of suffering health, the season of 1883 witnessed a cessation of pastoral labor. Meanwhile he gathered the nucleus of the present Congregational Church of Bloomington, Ill. The winter saw him laboring in a home missionary district in Northern Michigan, thirty-five miles from the nearest railway. The succeeding two years witnessed a reformation in many homes and large additions to the church. Two churches were gathered by his assistance. Afterward he went to Saugatuck, to help the church there, in healing dissensions and paying a burdensome debt. He had aided Superintendent Warren in "missionary conventions," and in the spring of 1886 he was appointed General Missionary for Michigan. During the year he assisted in gathering and organizing eight churches in needy districts. A year later he was appointed Superintendent of Home Missions for Indiana.

HOME MISSIONARY INDIANA.

BY REV. E. D. CURTIS, SUPERINTENDENT.

MORE than 2,225,000 people live in the Hoosier State. There is an area about five times that of Massachusetts. All the land is arable. The soil is rich and the climate is salubrious. Tile drains are becoming as common as farm fences. They have effectually laid the "fever and ague" ghost of the callow and sallow times of yore. Graveled free pikes *have been built*, in some cases 150 and 175 miles in a county. Below



the snow line, these highways afford the unusual advantage of good winter roads.

In the mud-road era of Muncie, tradition hath it that a sturdy pioneer once lost sight of his oxen in the principal street, and only learned their location upon seeing two pairs of horns emerge. The conundrum of a teamster making satisfactory progress with a load of goods, and yet stopping three successive nights at the same wayside inn, does not bother an old "hoosier" at all.

The great lines of railway to Chicago and the West are compelled to pass through Indiana. These highways of travel and traffic *gridiron* the State. Indianapolis is said to be the greatest inland railroad center in the world. Eastern and foreign capital is thus forced to pay tribute to its central position. These railroads are heavily taxed and provide the means for great public improvements. The grandeur of the court-houses, one of which, in a town of 5,000 people, is said, to have cost \$250,000, tells a story alike of political primacy and the primacy of geographical position. The central location of the State as equi-distant from all the great interior cities of the nation and traversing the latitudes from Lake Michigan to the Ohio, gives its vast agricultural resources an unequalled market. The railroads furnish facilities for transportation exceeding those of any other portion of the United States.

There is a population of sturdy blood, American ancestry, and rich inherited gifts. There is a staid, conservative, and peculiarly American type of society, not lacking in a certain provincialism. The Hoosier has developed naturally from the log-cabin era, along lines of unmixed American tendency. He has not been greatly affected by foreign immigration, nor by the commercial progress of the West. He is socially democratic, religiously conservative, attentive to family traditions and customs, very self-centered in his affiliated life, and intense in national and state politics.

The first white man in Indiana was Sieur de La Salle, the French Stanley, who discovered the "Hohio" and "Ouabache" (Wabash) in 1669-70. The old French posts, founded in the State early in the eighteenth century were Vincennes, Ouiatanon (near La Fayette), and Miamis (Fort Wayne). A line of communication was thus kept open between Canada and Louisiana. The boundary line of these two provinces was the high land (Terre Haute) of the Wabash. The first white inhabitants were French "*coureurs de bois*" and "*voyageurs*" who traded for furs with the Indians of the great Miami Confederacy. As their long, light canoes sped along the large rivers, the dense forests, reedy marshes and open glades resounded to their rollicking songs as they beat time with their dipping paddles. Louis XIV., the "*grande monarque*" had 1500 men engaged in the year 1700, in keeping open the

lines of communication. Later, a considerable community of farmers and traders gathered around Fort Vincennes, and Jesuit missionaries taught Indians agriculture and religion. In 1746 flour was shipped to New Orleans from "Illinois" settlements amounting to 800,000 pounds. Ouiatanon and Fort Miamis contained small French populations. Negro and Indian slavery existed among the settlers, and by treaty was continued after Indiana became a State. During Territorial times "slavery by indenture" existed along with the French slaves. The institution of slavery was in existence in the State as late as 1840, as the census report will show. A Legislative motion to free the indented slaves was "spoken to" by Hon. John Grammar, of the Wabash Country, in this wise:

"I will show that are proposition is inconstitutionable, ilegal, and fornenst the compact. Don't everyone know, or leastwise, had ought to know, that the Congress that sot at Post Vinsan, garnished to the old French inhabitants the right to hold their niggers, and hain't I got as much rights as any Frenchman in this State? Answer me that, sir!" In the summer of 1888, at a hotel table in a leading city in Central Indiana, I overheard two well-dressed gentlemen, discussing an absent mutual friend. "Where is he?" "I don't know. The last I heard of him he was attending school in Ohio." "Where?" "Why, that big college over there, I can't think of the name; you know it. The big *Nigger* school." "Oh yes! *Oberlin!*" "That's it! *Oberlin.*"

An explanation of much that seems inexplicable in Congregational missionary annals is found in the fact that the question of slavery as a local issue shaped, for all the formative years, the life of Indiana. It is now understood that Indiana represents the focalization of the national sentiment. She is the core of nationality as opposed to sectionalism and the center of political life. "Indiana knows no North, no South, nothing but the Union." The thirteen original States came together in the national compact with matured but variant habits and customs. Ohio, the next to join, was made. by the Western Reserve and the Ohio Company, essentially like New England. But Indiana received immigration from all sources. Sectionalism was brought into neighborhood. There was a mixing of several forces. Politics was a necessity. Nationality was the result. More and more will people learn that on the brow of Indiana sits the diadem of political primacy.

The Congregational attempt in the southwest settlements, in the early day, was true to New England religious ideals. But it was wisely resilient to local social and denominational conditions. Consequently, it was more successful as a pervasive politico-religious influence, than as a developing church polity. In Indiana there was a remarkable mingling of the tides of eastern and southern immigration. Each bore on its current peculiar doctrinal ferments. Each had its plenitude of minor sects

of diverse names. Scattered representatives of varying communions tenaciously retained their beliefs and forms of worship. Combination and church organization were difficult. Confusion in Christian effort was plainly manifest along the mingling border lines of the great sectarian parallels. Moral inertia darkened the progress and future of the Ohio and Wabash Valleys.

Then began the gloriously beneficent work of the American Home Missionary Society. It confronted the danger. Its missionaries from 1826 to 1840 performed a work for Indiana which forms an illustrious precedent for its present achievements. Even in the sacrifices of Congregational selfhood, the work of the Society and its heroic agents voices the appeal of the New England conscience to the God of migrations. Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark, the Hannibal of the West, had led his Scotch-Irish patriots from Virginia to the conquest of the Northwest Territory. These families of Presbyterian extraction constituted a possible nucleus for Christian combination. In the Providence of God Congregationalism was a sectional body, with a work *as such*, yet undone. In the emergency she threw the wealth of her best blood and thought into the scales of human destiny. The denominational sacrifice was only equaled by the Christian statesmanship of the noble act. The American Home Missionary Society in all her honored history never performed a more blessed work than laying the foundations for the Presbyterian fellowship of 300 churches in Indiana.

Just as in the veins of President-elect Benjamin Harrison of distinguished Virginia family inheritance, flows the blood of his grandmother, the daughter of Judge John Cleve Symmes of the New England Ohio Company, so the intellectual and moral reinforcements sent by New England Congregationalists into the forming State, was absorbed into the social structure of the "Old Dominion" emigration, and throughout southern Indiana it will be forever associated with the so-called Virginia aristocracy. In this, as in other historical instances, politics and Presbyterianism were closely allied under the lead of the "men of Massachusetts."

Early in the century, the North Carolina Quakers, many of them of Huguenot extraction, being dissatisfied with the institution of slavery, began to come to Indiana. Settling in the south-eastern counties they gradually advanced into the interior and spread themselves over a third of the State. This excellent people have multiplied greatly, and heretofore have preserved intact their peculiar tenets and customs. But the younger element is now undergoing a change, and their anti-slavery and temperance sympathies throw them into close alliance with modern Congregationalism.

The portion of the State locally called "The Pocket" lies between

the Ohio and lower Wabash. Here is a secondary Kentucky and Tennessee emigration of "poor white" and "mountain white" extraction, affording in their poverty and illiteracy a field for missionary effort.



"CAN I GET TO STAY HERE TO-NIGHT, MADAM?"

[From "In the Brush," through the courtesy of D. Appleton & Co.]

The people are identical with the residents of the part of Illinois called "Egypt." In the dark days of slavery, three Cumberland Presbyterian ministers, of this region, all gifted men, came out of that Church be-

cause of its complicity with slavery, and organized the Evangelical Congregational Association of Southern Indiana, which was adopted by the American Home Missionary Society. The churches thus founded, though feeble, have been centers of Christian culture. In the east, Liber College, and in the north, Ontario Collegiate Institute, each did a noble work in ante-bellum days. German emigration from Pennsylvania, and the overflow from Ohio, with the cosmopolitan life of the larger cities all have aided the old French Virginia and Quaker emigrations in making up Hoosierdom as it is.

The formal dissolution of the "Plan of Union" in 1861 found the American Home Missionary Society churches with but few exceptions in the Presbyterian fellowship. Since that time the call for the extension of the labors of the American Home Missionary Society has not seemed urgent. Faithful work has been done, and the churches which dot the accompanying map of Indiana have many of them been organized, and have aided in saving souls, but social conditions, and slow development have precluded extended or expensive effort. Now there seems to be a forward movement in the life of the State. There is a development in the Calumet region, where great industries, tributary to Chicago, are drawing multitudes within its borders. 220 coal mines, with a resident population of 35,000 souls in ignorance and religious destitution appeal to our sympathies. The "Block coal" of Indiana is without parallel in the world for smelting purposes, and is eagerly sought for by rolling-mills. The stone quarries of the Wabash and White Rivers maintain an increasing output, displayed in the heaviest architecture of our great interior cities. Last and most unique of all, the natural gas, rising from depths of earth is solving for the State the problem of manufacturing wealth, and is fast becoming a mighty factor in the comfort and happiness of increasing populations. It is fuel, light, and power apparently unlimited, priceless, yet free. The fertile valleys of the White, the Salamonie and the Mississinewa Rivers rejoice, and their thriving cities are fast advancing into the proportions and magnitude of great manufacturing centers. Indiana to-day is "all opportunity," and there ought to be corresponding activity and consecration.

THE 999,999.—I rejoice for the A. M. A. that the million dollars so much needed has come into its treasury. I am praying that the next million may drop into the treasury of the dear old American Home Missionary Society. Would it crush you, do you think? Let us pray that another "Helping Hand" may unclasp its hold upon the silver and the gold for souls that must be won to Christ. I will be one of a million to place this amount in your treasury. Where are the 999,999?"—A. C. P.

HOW I BECAME A HOME MISSIONARY.

BEING very much interested in the serial headed as above, which appeared in *The Home Missionary* a year ago, and often meeting with others who seemed equally so, I have thought the experience of another Home Missionary might prove welcome to the readers of this magazine.

I was born in the little town of Westerham, Kent, England, May 31st, 1842, so that I am a "man of Kent" though not a "Kentish man." Of course, before becoming a Home Missionary I had to be converted, and that in my case meant a great deal; for I was a confirmed sceptic of nearly twenty-five years standing. This may surprise you; but I was under peculiar influences; for although my mother was a superior Christian woman spiritually, my father was an agnostic, and much stronger mentally than my mother, and of course influenced a boy more; howbeit that which is lowest in the spiritual is higher than the highest in the mental. I was often kept in to mind the store, and as we sold periodicals, such as "Chambers' Journal," and their other works, "Dickens' Household Words," "Eliza Cook's Journal," "The Illustrated London News," "Punch," "The Family Herald," "The London Journal," you do not wonder that I soon became a very miscellaneous reader. Nothing came amiss. I stumbled over the big words in Milton's *Paradise* before I was ten. In the same lumber-room I found "Dr. Ure on the Cotton Manufactures of Great Britain," and Capt. Marryat's "Pirate," and the "Three Cutters." Is it strange that I became an inquiring spirit?

Those were the days of Chartism, and soon after came the "Tractarian Movement," which seemed to make papists of some, and rationalists of others. Darwin lived a few miles north, Rev. F. W. Robertson was preaching in the next county, and, although I knew nothing of these things at the time, nor indeed until I had become a Home Missionary, I can see plainly that through my father, who was an intense Radical, I was much influenced by them. I remember putting such awkward questions to the Sunday-school teacher in regard to the six days' geological story, that I was promoted by being discharged; but not until my ears had been pulled sundry times; all of which helped me into unbelief. Of course, such questions are more skillfully dealt with now.

I was nearly brought into the kingdom at twenty years of age, but one look from an old sceptical friend ten years my senior, and his question, "Are you going to make a fool of yourself?" and my answer with an oath, "No!" plunged me down for nine years longer.

I was taken from school at thirteen years of age, just when I was beginning to study, and sent to learn the carpenter's trade. Being too young, the indentures were canceled, and I clerked at Pickford & Co.,

the great carriers. Then I worked on the first Atlantic Cable, after which for a few months I served as errand boy, and knew Old London from Westown Schools, where I used to get my hands spanked when a boarding-school boy there, to Old London Bridge.

And now my father came over the Atlantic to Canada. I was getting to be a burden at home, and although I was fool enough to despise a trade and wanted to be a lawyer, I felt I must not longer be a burden on my father, for his means had been sadly crippled. I therefore began to learn shoe-making, and after eighteen months' experience, having been three times apprenticed to that trade, I started off with my broken indentures as a full-fledged journeyman, and at that trade I worked nearly twenty years. It was a different business then; we were great politicians. A daily paper was read in turn by one of us, and then the battle began.

Religious topics as a rule were tabooed because of the ultra sensitiveness of the Roman Catholics; but occasionally men would argue, and I remember that very few indeed were like myself, sceptical; they were at least nominal believers. How changed to-day! Ah! and how changed some of my old sceptical friends. One, broken down, another under suspicion of an awful crime, another a suicide, and his little ones wanderers. Myself preaching the Gospel!

To be continued.

THE COAL MINE MISSION.

"THE next thirty-five miles is an American Sodom!" said the conductor. "And I wish we were safely over it," he added under his breath, as he passed on into the next car.

This bit of railroad of notorious reputation is our "Coal Mine Mission" in Indiana, and takes in five towns: Carbon, Perth, Coal Bluff, Fontanet, and Roseville. The consecrated man who entered this uninviting field has a burning zeal for souls, and not even the urgent appeal of his people in Macksville, nor their loving devotion, could hold him at a post of ease, when the crying need of this God-forsaken region came to his knowledge. What did Rev. James Hayes, the converted coal miner, find, when he accepted this difficult trust? Saloons in abundance—in one town *eleven in a row*—each saloon with its attendant gambling-dens, dance-houses, etc. He found this region a hot-bed of infidelity. He saw multitudes of young people of all nations under the sun making holiday of the sacred hours of the Sabbath, and saddest of all—knowing no better. There were no gospel services, nor Sunday-schools, for there was *no place* to hold them. A few extracts from his personal letters may give a glimpse of his work, and its results.

APRIL, 1888.

While I have spent much time in visiting the five towns of the "Coal Mine Mission" I have selected one place as a center for extra effort. By the advice of our Superintendent Curtis, this center is Coal Bluff; and here on Jan. 1st, I commenced a series of gospel meetings. The result is a Congregational church of seventeen members, and a Sunday-school of fifty scholars. As all these towns are dreadfully cursed with saloons, we are trying to create a temperance sentiment. Fifty have already signed the pledge, among them some of the worst drunkards in the town. Forty-five children have joined the "Children's Band," and are trying to keep their lives clean. We have bought half an acre of ground, whereon to build a church and parsonage. The parsonage will cost \$600. The church will cost \$1,150. Work is already commenced in good faith.

JUNE, 1888.

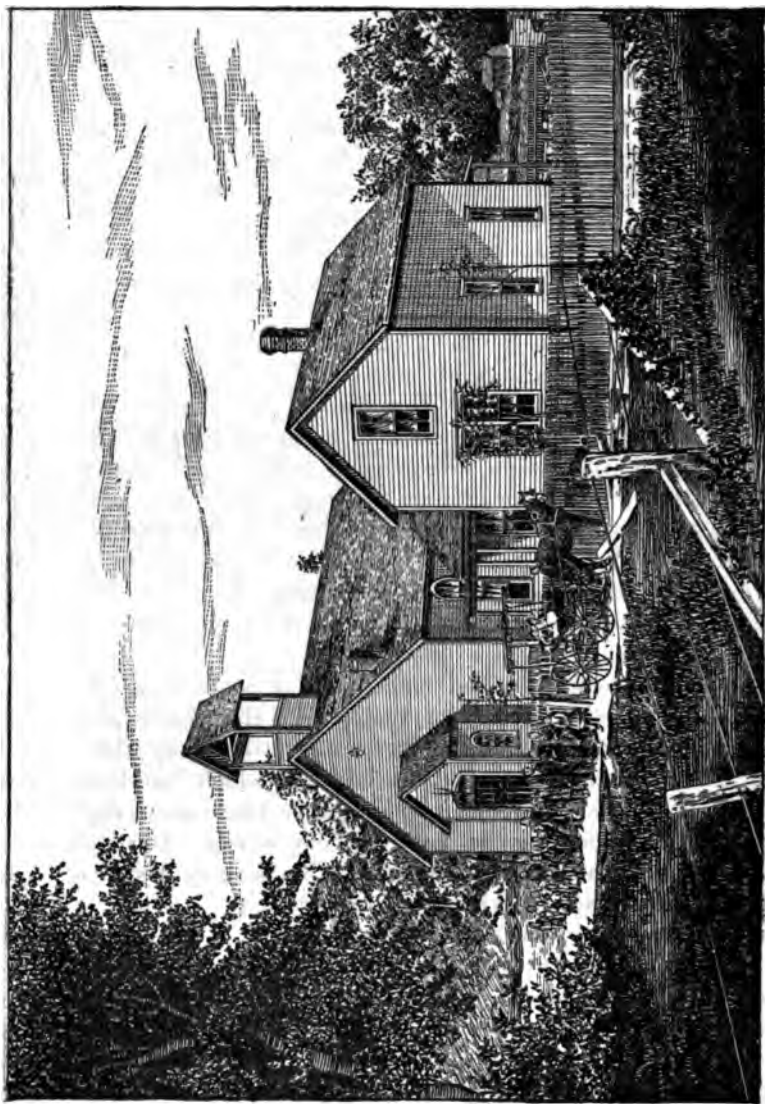
At Perth we have a lot for a church, almost paid for. Before we can do any good in this town we must build. Things are in a bad way, but your missionary cannot stay here because at night he has nowhere to lay his head. Two weeks ago two men on the railroad at night going to their home, were overtaken by a gang of ruffians, and were so brutally used that they were left for dead on the track. One died the next morning, but it is thought the other may recover. At this writing these ruffians are still at large. The same night some desperadoes tried to wreck the midnight passenger train. Our Sunday-school here has been at work nearly all winter until the teacher of the public school locked the door against them.

Carbon still retains its bad name. A few Sabbaths ago I preached there, all day. Quite recently an Austrian was shot dead by the roadside, in a drunken row. Around the Austrian's little shanty which was his home, last Sabbath, I counted twelve beer kegs which had been emptied in a few days. I stepped into a Scotchman's house about eight o'clock in the morning, inviting the family to our service. Our conversation was carried on with the beer between us. But the good people of Carbon give me a hearty welcome whenever I can go there.

At Fontanet, spiritual life is at a very low ebb. The people are working very earnestly in the temperance work, and that seems just now to engage all their attention. The Sunday-school has been running regularly and I have always been welcomed to their homes. I have been trying to put things in order all this winter; sometimes my heart has rejoiced at the prospect of better things right away, but often at my next visit, everything is demoralized. The great need is the church, the old foundation.

PARSONAGE, COAL BLUFF, JULY, 1888.

Our congregations and Sunday-schools are growing, and becoming more and more interesting in spite of our wanderings, for we have had



THE NEW CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT COAL BLUFF, INDIANA.

to move four times in as many months. Our next move at Coal Bluff, will be into our new church. Oh, what joy! To plant a church of Christ in a town like this—and there are many such towns—and to give the Gospel to such a mass of people who have not had it, is the privilege, and the opportunity of the hour. Now is the time. We came here none too soon. Through the prayers of God's people in our behalf, GOD SHALL BLESS US!

SEPTEMBER, 1888.

Last Sunday while I was preaching at Roseville a colored man killed another. The body lay all day in an old saw-mill by the roadside, a dreadful sight. A bullet hole through his head, the hands tied with an old scarf, the feet bound with a piece of wire. Drunken men staggered to the place, and viewed the ghastly sight, unmoved. In the evening I preached a temperance sermon from the words, "Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" Many came after the service to thank me for the Word of God.

DECEMBER, 1888.

I send you a picture of the Coal Bluff church and parsonage. You will rejoice to hear of the success of this Mission. Twelve months ago a few people came together in the old school-house, and sat in the farthest corner of the house, afraid of each other, and afraid of the preacher. As soon as possible, they all ran away to their homes as fast as they could. Ever since the dedication of our new church, the house has been crowded. The people come long before the time appointed for service. Last Sunday we had two large congregations. Superintendent Curtis was here, and in the evening, by my request, he made an appeal for a collection for the American Home Missionary Society, and this people out of their poverty gave \$11.30. The Sunday-school is growing all the time. Last Sunday there were one hundred scholars. They have commenced to pay for their own supplies, and have also ordered an organ for the Sunday-school and church, which they hope to pay for by installments. This is a great undertaking for them. You should hear them sing the "Gospel Hymns." The congregations are large, and very attentive. The church is seldom closed. At our Thanksgiving Day service we raised \$44.76 to help pay for this little church building. I never saw people work more earnestly and harmoniously than they do at Coal Bluff. We are laying plans for Christmas so as to reach every poor little child. Christmas boxes from friends are a wonderful help. A great change is taking place at Coal Bluff. We held a series of prayer meetings last week. This week we hold temperance meetings. With the week of prayer we commence a series of gospel meetings. We are expecting a baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom here.

At Perth, we rejoice in the addition of a family *who are Christians*. I hope soon to organize a church there. That Christmas box from Brooklyn to the Perth Sunday-school will lay the foundation of good work, I hope, in that dark, wicked town. At Fontanet and Roseville things are still in a sad condition, and can only be made better by pursuing the same plan as at Coal Bluff.

Would that I could throw a sunbeam into the Bible House at New York, to cheer the anxious hearts there, for I know you are thinking about your missionaries, and praying God to send the means to carry on work so much needed—JUST NOW. I will send you the Master's own message, "Lo, I am with you alway."—*In His Name, James Hayes.*

"THAT DREADFUL MUNCIE."

LAST June I attended your annual meeting at Saratoga. We decided to select an economical boarding place, and give the extra dollar to the cause. But, as so often happens, when we try to do something for God, we received more when we gave. We were so fortunate as to have for our neighbors at table, Superintendents Maile, Curtis, and Eversz, and I assure you the "Table Talk," was not dull! Through the vivid pictures drawn by these men we were able to see each field, and its work, as clearly, it seemed to me, as though we had visited Nebraska, Minnesota, and Indiana, in person. Although greatly interested in all home missionary work, I was especially awakened to the terrible needs of the field so recently entered by Superintendent Curtis—INDIANA. The work is *so disheartening!* I never liked Indiana,—although I will except its one bright city near the center,—and to attempt the enlightenment of these dwellers in "Egypt" seemed hopeless. But here by my side at table, was this brave man, who, with his eyes wide open, and with full comprehension of the obstacles in the way, had entered this forbidding region, with a determination in the strength of his God to conquer it for Christ.

This man talked to me about MUNCIE—a town in the heart of the natural gas region—until in spite of myself Muncie rested heavily on my soul, and I could not shake her off.

For months I had been developing a beautiful plan, by which I was to save money enough to start one of those self-repeating quinquennial, memorial churches as a monument to my sainted father and mother. It was to be situated in a lovely part of our land, among very interesting people, and I was to visit it occasionally and behold with much satisfaction, this which God had empowered me to do for him. And here was this dreadful Muncie, with its pitiful cry for help, when I had not yet made the first payment on my tempting "Memorial!" To quiet this

insistent ghost, I began to study Muncie. It is about fifty miles northeast of Indianapolis, and the natural gas issues from the ground in such quantity as to give free power, light, and fuel to as many manufacturing as can be established there. Just now, they are having a tremendous "boom," and the rush of laborers and the putting up of buildings is astonishing. Many poor people, wanting to be on the spot when the nail works and other factories opened, brought their families six months ago, and camped down wherever they could find a place. Many of these poor people are very ignorant, and sadly lacking in "faculty," and their mode of life while waiting for "something to turn up" is pitiable. These neglected classes, of American birth, not intemperate, but thriftless, ignorant, and specially addicted to social vices, are said to be more numerous in Indiana than elsewhere.

But, just here, among this uninviting population, our wide-awake Superintendent starts a mission. Certainly nothing could have attracted him but their need. This touched his heart with heavenly pity. Every barn and place of shelter was occupied with the new-comers, and the first meetings were of necessity held in an old rickety, unpainted storehouse, in which, however, were already congregated six families of the poorest and most degraded of all. Our friend succeeded in getting a part of the lower room "partitioned off" with rough boards, and borrowed benches were put in. The building has never been lathed, plastered, or ceiled. The room is twelve by fifty feet, narrow and dark. At first the efforts of the missionary were scarcely understood, but after a little some interest began to dawn, a Sunday-school of seventy people was gathered, and they remained to hear the preaching. At last a little church of thirty members was organized.

What are the facts about MUNCIE to-day? A little church building has been put up, 28x50, with a brick foundation; the cost, including the lot, to be \$1,650, of which the last \$500 is to be paid in April. Will our advance guard be sustained by Christian soldiers in the rear until the fort at Muncie is fairly equipped to hold this place for Christ? Who will furnish the American Home Missionary Society with funds to keep the gospel light shining in this dark place until these wandering ones are reclaimed?

Is it not enough for gospel workers to enter such a field, and give their lives in overcoming necessary obstacles, without being burdened with financial responsibilities? Yet, in sheer desperation, because of the NEED, Superintendent Curtis has been forced to assume such burdens. More and more I am persuaded that if the older towns could look in upon these new places, they would realize the *instant necessity* of work, and money would flow in, given willingly, cheerfully, and as unto the Lord.—*Vermont.*

The Woman's Department.

One holy aim, one army strong,
 One steadfast high intent ;
 One working band, one harvest song,
 One King, Omnipotent !

"IN EVERYTHING, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."

May I ask for money to carry on His work? "IN EVERYTHING—let your requests be made known—"

For full missionary meetings enthused by the divine Presence? "IN EVERYTHING—let your requests be made known—"

For power to arouse the torpid church member? "IN EVERYTHING—let your requests be made known—"

For power to win souls? "IN EVERYTHING—let your requests be made known—"

For physical strength, and constantly renewed vitality to bear the responsibility, and do the work required of me in special service? "IN EVERYTHING—let your requests be made known—"

For unwavering faith that every promise of God to me, as an individual, and to the Church of Christ, shall be fulfilled? "IN EVERYTHING by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

No one is exempt from some form of discipline in this life, and the editor of *The Home Missionary* is sorely tried with a fruitless attempt, once a month, to crowd forty pages of "fresh material" into twenty pages of blank space. This periodical perplexity inevitably reaches its climax at "THE WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT." Four seven-inch pages ! and a wealth of material which should go out into our land *to-day*, for its health and healing. The editorial desk is laden with messages in letters, manuscript, and reports, rich in suggestion and inspiration, from consecrated women of thought, of earnest purpose, of burning zeal, and of rare gifts,—who love with the Christ-love, and live the Christ-life of divine service.

OFFICERS of the new Unions express their grateful appreciation of the cordial welcome extended to them by the older organizations. "Those precious, strengthening letters !" writes one, "you don't know what they do for us weak, trembling novices, who feel as though we had entered a new life !"

HOW SHE DID IT.—I have been much interested in the articles in *The Home Missionary* upon "Christian Economy." I am not extravagant, but this winter I had thought a new cloak and hat would be "expedient." The expense of both would have been covered by fifteen dollars; but I have decided that my cloak must do service another winter. The velvet that has graced so many bonnet frames is not so very rusty after all. A new dress which I wanted, and for which I was to spend ten dollars, is really not a necessity. So, with a clear conscience, I can spare an extra twenty-five dollars for Home Missions. What a comfort it is to do it! —*New England.*

A GOOD CAUSE.—The extra pages of receipts have, at the last moment, crowded out the material prepared for the Woman's and Children's Departments. Certainly we can find no fault with the CAUSE for such postponement.

Our Young People.

GIVING.

WHAT is said in the Bible about GIVING?

Let the boys and girls of each State send all the Scripture texts they can find upon this subject. In June, we will tell you which is the BANNER STATE as to the number of verses sent to Mrs. H. S. Caswell, 34 Bible House, New York City.

A HAPPY FAMILY.

PLEASE look at the pictures, and read the story of Indiana in this number of *The Home Missionary*. Read about the Coal Mine Mission, and then you will understand the following letter from the Coal Mine Missionary to the Children of the Pilgrim Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEAR CHILDREN:—Last Saturday morning, just as I was about to leave my home to go to my work among the the coal miners, two barrels were rolled into our little house. Having received no letter that such a blessing was so near, we were all surprised. Of course the barrels had to be opened at once to find out from whom they came. All were present, Bessie, Willie, Emma, Jane, Ellen, Blanche, and the missionary and his wife. Willie, our boy, opened the barrels, and one thing after another was lifted from its place, and given to its rightful owner as designated by name on the garments or package. But when Santa Claus was reached

we could keep order no longer. Nor did we try to. It was Christmas indeed, and as each package was carefully unwrapped, we found books, and such good ones! And even God's own blessed Word, a Bible for each of the children, candies and dolls. The children jumped for joy. But when we came to the little box containing \$25 in gold, the climax was reached. All looked at each other as tears of gratitude ran down our cheeks, and as the missionary held the gold in his hand, and Willie his new pocket-book with \$2, the silence was golden indeed. After a while both barrels were unpacked, and we were surrounded with blessings. And in the midst of these blessings we sat down and read the 103d Psalm; then we knelt and prayed for God's blessing to rest upon all the dear friends represented in the barrels. It was good to be there. And, dear friends to say we thank you is a tame expression. Our hearts overflow with gratitude for these blessed touches of the spirit of our blessed Master, who went about doing good, and may our Heavenly Father bless you indeed.

For nearly twenty years I have been engaged in this pioneer work. I have gathered hundreds of scholars into the Sunday-school and have seen many of them unite with the church and become useful Christians. Have gathered three churches, and three houses of worship have been built while I was their pastor, and now I am sent by the American Home Missionary Society into this Coal Mine missionary work, in the State of Indiana. I began preaching in an old shell of a house, where we had rough boards for seats without any backs, nailed to logs fastened to the floor. In the evening the house was crowded. We sang gospel hymns and told the story of the Cross.

On this missionary field of mine we want money to build a little chapel, at Perth to cost about \$1,000, and to pay for the one at Coal Bluff (\$1,100), and the home for the missionary (\$600). During the last year families came here and settled down like a cloud, and we found them destitute of the church, and of the Sunday-school, or anything to lead them to a better life.

I know what darkness, destitution, and difficulty mean; I have seen it in some of its saddest forms. And, thank God, I have seen the light dawn on darkened hearts and lives, and I expect to see it again. Yes, the light is breaking. What you have done for us is written not only in our hearts, but is recorded in heaven by Him, who, when he comes, will say to you, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." May the blessing of our Heavenly Father ever rest upon the Pilgrim Church of Brooklyn and upon its beloved and honored pastor.—*Very thankfully and respectfully yours, James Hayes.*

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A CRYING NEED.

SHALL IT BE MET? A CONFERENCE was recently held in Chicago at which it appeared that, while only ninety-two students graduated from our seven theological seminaries in 1888, to meet the requirements of the entire home and foreign fields, at least two hundred and ten men are needed annually, for the next five years, by home missionary superintendents, representing nine of our interior States.

If the nearly twice seven remaining interior or western States and Territories be included in this account, then the above figures, as to the need of additional men, should, at the lowest calculation, be doubled.

From this it must seem clear :

First. That every unemployed minister, who is capable of service in his vocation, need waste no time in seeking a place of labor. So far, at least, as relates to the great West, "it is *all place*" as truly, almost, to-day as it was forty years ago, when the elder Beecher gave utterance to that characteristic and now famous saying. In the face of such a fact what true minister of Jesus Christ can consent to be long among the unemployed?

Second. That the young men now in our theological seminaries are called by a summons of peculiar and impressive emphasis to be ready for the Lord's work, *whatever and wherever* in his providence that work may be. They are not to entertain themselves with the fond ideal of some conspicuous and well-salaried pulpit, and say, "This is that for which we are especially preparing and which it is our chief purpose to secure." They are rather to hold themselves in readiness to preach and teach and *suffer*, if need be, according as the Lord shall open the way, whether that be in the East or West, at home or abroad.

Third. That the Church of to-day is charged with a great and solemn responsibility touching the provision of a Christian ministry adequate to the pressing demands of the times.

She accepts as binding, the words of the inspired commission—*Preach the Gospel to every creature*. Should she be less regardful of those other words of divine inspiration—*How shall they preach except they be sent?* Who, if not the churches, should be expected to feel the force of this inquiry? Who, if not the churches, should take to heart the fact that the *young men* are the hope of Christ's ministry?

Yet to what extent do the churches truly pray for the young men as

thus related to the fulfillment of our Lord's great command? To what extent do the ministers pray for the young men as thus related? There may exist herein a more wide-spread and fatal neglect than either churches or ministers think.

But true prayer in this direction, as in all others, implies the spirit of works as well as faith. While the young men need earnest remembrance in the supplications of God's people, they also need *pecuniary help*. More than two thirds of those studying for the ministry in our various institutions are without money. The minimum expense of a seven-years course in our colleges and seminaries is \$2,800. How will the young man, starting virtually without a dollar at his command, furnish himself with this large yet indispensable sum?

Let the Christian business man, who believes neither in the student running in debt, nor in his interrupted and therefore *unsuccessful* pursuit of study, answer. Let the churches answer who believe in the fiftieth year as the minister's *dead line*, and yet who see how often poverty in the student compels the suspension of study for work, and thereby prolongs the ordinary seven years of preparation to a period of ten or twelve years.

This Society aims to prevent in the student such an extension of his preparatory course, by helping him to bear the necessary expenses of his education. Its ordinary grants have been \$75 per year. This is not, indeed, a luxurious sum, yet thousands have found in it a timely relief from an otherwise unsupportable strain. A large proportion of our ministers in the last sixty years have had personal experience of this relief. Without it many of them could not have found the necessary means to pursue a course of ministerial study, and therefore would not have been numbered in the list of the ministerial servants of the Church. Without this aid there might have been lost to the ranks of the ministry, an Anderson and Bacon and Badger and Bliss and Burton, a Goodell and Greene, Hatfield and Hitchcock, a Leavitt and Manning and Perkins and Pike and Powell, a Schneider and Shepard and Smith and Sturtevant and Todd; and others with them—a great multitude who now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Nay, without this aid there might have been wanting in our list the names of a large proportion of our most efficient and distinguished *living* ministers, whether in this land or foreign lands.

The demands for such men are greatly multiplying, and these demands *must be met*, else the harvest, which is plentiful almost beyond a parallel, will remain ungathered because the laborers are few.

Let pastors and churches earnestly pray for the *young men*, that they may open their eyes to the grandeur, as well as solemnity, of the present *opportunity*; and so far as they are in need of pecuniary assistance, let *the hands of the Lord's people* be prompt and liberal to supply the lack.

Appointments in December, 1888.

Not in commission last year.

Adams, Frank H., Susanville and Merrillville, Cal.
 Baxter, Thomas G., Kalkaska and Excelsior, Mich.
 Brintnall, Loren W., Stellacoom and Lakeview, Wash. Ter.
 Burrows, Edwin B., Missionary work in Mo.
 Elliott, William A., Coral and Sand Lake, Mich.
 Huestis, Charles H., West Point, Neb.
 Kilburne, William, Chase, Mich.
 Millar, Henry G., Argentine, Kan.
 Mysonhimer, Louis, Lenhart, Mo.
 Povey, Jesse, Utica, Mich.
 Rood, John S., Gaylord, Mich.
 Sharp, J. C. G., Muncie, Ind.
 Strong, John J., Peshtigo, Wis.
 Swim, John Q., Carthage and Esmond, So. Dak.
 Taylor, Charles T., Bremen, Ind.
 Turner, Benjamin R., Gritzland, Rotata and Sunnyside, Kan.
 Vrooman, Harry C., Sycamore, Kan.
 Wilson, Henry, Armour, So. Dak.
 Woodin, Arthur J., Park Rapids, Minn.

Recommissioned.

Avery, Holly H., St. Francis, Kan.
 Bailey, Orange C., Perry, Mich.
 Billings, Charles S., Evangelist in Neb.
 Bonnell, William H., Pocatello, Idaho.
 Bruechert, F. H. W., Omaha, Neb.
 Cramstock, Davillo W., Evangelist in Neb.
 Foster, Richard B., Cheney, Jewett, and Rago, Kan.

Fowler, Olin L., Christopher, Wash. Ter.
 Grob, Gottfried, Inland, Neb.
 Harrison, Hiram B., Cannon City, Minn.
 Haven, Egbert D., Sunol Glen, Cal.
 Hayes, James, Coal Bluff, Ind.
 Hill, Charles W., San Jose, Cal.
 Holmes, Henry, Glenwood, Minn.
 Holt, Marquis L., Omaha, Neb.
 Hulett, James A., Audubon, Minn.
 Kloss, Charles L., Artell, Kan.
 Lyman, Albert T., Alexandria and Burton, So. Dak.
 Milligan, John A., Omaha, Neb.
 Packard, Milan, Sinclairville, N. Y.
 Pipes, Abner M., Deming, New Mex.
 Power, John G., Springview and Enterprise, Neb.
 Rouse, Fredk. T., West Superior, Wis.
 Sanborne, George M., St. Louis, Mo.
 Sanders, Franklin F., New London, Rochester, and Fitchville, Ohio.
 Schaefer, John, Crete, Neb.
 Schenerle, Gottlieb, Parkston, Zion, Friedensfeld, Hoffnungsburg and Legenthal, So. Dak.
 Smith, John H. B., Enterprise and Detroit, Mich.
 Swab, Elias F., St. Louis, Mo.
 Taylor, Horace J., Anacortes, Wash. Ter.
 Traudberg, Peter C., Chicago, Ill.
 Waldo, Levi F., Hersey, Mich.
 Wallace, Stryker A., Billings, Mon.
 Watson, William H., Valley Springs, So. Dak.

Receipts in December, 1888.

MAINE—\$1,029.86.

Received by J. L. Crosby, Treas.
 Maine Miss. Soc.:
 Wilton..... \$ 3 20
 Auburn, High Street Ch., by G. R. Page..... 275 00
 Sixth Street Ch..... 5 00
 S. J. M. Perkins..... 5 00
 Augusta, Mrs. E. B. Skeele..... 10 00
 Bath, Winter Street Ch., special, Salary Fund..... 250 00
 Calais, First Ch., by A. L. Clapp..... 30 00
 Castine, Mrs. Cashman, \$3; Rainbow Band, Margaret and Mary F. Cashman, \$4..... 9 00
 Center Minot, by Dea. J. E. Washburn..... 25 00
 Cumberland Center, Rev. D. Greene Gorham, First, \$26.42; Helping Hand Soc., \$25, special, by J. S. Leavitt..... 51 42
 Hallowell, South Ch., by Rev. E. Chase..... 33 50
 Lewiston, Prof. R. C. Stanley..... 5 00
 North Bridgton, by F. O. Chadbourne..... 8 00
 North Edgecomb, Ch., by Rev. C. G. Holyoke and J. L. Crosby, Treas. Maine Miss. Soc..... 16 34
 Norridgewock, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. C. F. Dole..... 22 00
 Norway, by Rev. B. S. Rideout..... 3 00
 Orono, Ladies' Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. L. F. Carvey..... 25 00
 Perry, by Rev. W. J. Skelton..... 3 00
 Portland, Second Ch., Ladies' Prayer

Meeting, by Miss H. M. Putney, for Debt..... 10 00
 West Ch., by Rev. S. K. Perkins..... 8 00
 W. W. Mitchell, to const. Fred. W. Fogg and Paul C. Pinkham L. M..... 100 00
 J. J. Gerrish, to const. Miss Ella S. Gerrish a L. M..... 50 00
 Misses M. and A. Titcomb, by H. H. Burgess..... 2 00
 Scarboro, Ch. and S. S., by Rev. A. Smith..... 26 00
 Searsport, Cong. S. S., by A. J. Nickerson..... 2 00
 Sherman Mills, Washburn Ch., by Rev. I. C. Bumpus..... 3 40
 South Berwick, Rev. D. B. Sewall and Wife..... 10 00
 Union, Rev. F. V. Norcross, for Debt..... 10 00
 Yarmouth, B. Freeman..... 25 00
 NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$3,499.10; of which Legacy, \$3,022.07.
 Alstead, E. Gorham..... \$ 2 00
 Atkinson, Miss Abigail L. Paige, for Debt..... 5 00
 Brentwood, Cong. S. S., by Miss M. E. Pike..... 4 35
 Bristol, Ladies' Mission Circle, by Mrs. F. A. Gordon..... 4 10
 A Friend..... 5 00
 Canterbury, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot..... 4 85
 Claremont, by H. W. Frost..... 41 00
 Mrs. F. P. Maynard..... 2 00

Concord, Mrs. A. Folger.....	5 00
A Friend.....	5 00
East Derry, Mrs. H. J. Sleeper.....	10 00
Exeter, Miss A. E. McIntire.....	3 00
Goffstown, Mrs. M. Hadley.....	5 00
Greenland, A Friend.....	10 00
Hazen's Mill, Mrs. E. F. McKeith.....	10 00
Hillsboro Bridge, by J. Dutton.....	13 60
Hinsdale, Cong. S. S., by C. W. Clark.....	5 00
Hollis, Remainder of legacy of Daniel Farley, by P. M. Farley, Ex. Kingston, Prof. A. Wood.....	3,022 07
Laconia, E. F. Reeves, for Debt.....	10 00
Manchester, First Cong. S. S., by E. Ferren.....	25 00
J. W. Johnston, for Debt.....	50 00
Mt. Vernon, J. A. Starrett.....	5 00
New Haven, Sidney Shepard.....	100 00
North Hampton, A. P. G.....	10 00
Northwood, Two Friends, for Debt.....	10 00
Orford, J. Pratt.....	20 00
Pelham, Mrs. E. W. Tyler.....	10 00
Portsmouth, Mrs. M. Bufford, by J. S. Rand.....	10 00
Mrs. Lucinda Hill.....	5 00
South Merrimack, Anna Sargent.....	1 00
Temple, by Rev. J. W. Haley.....	4 82
Walpole, W. G. Barnett, \$10; Mrs. W. G. Barnett, \$10, for Debt.....	20 00
A Friend.....	11 00
Warner, Friends, for Salary Fund, by Miss S. A. Sargent.....	11 31
West Lebanon, Ladies' Aux. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. H. D. MacArthur.....	12 00
Mission Band, by Mrs. C. E. Havens.....	15 00
Webster, Lois Jewett Helpers, by Miss Henrietta Pearson, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	2 00

VERMONT—\$705.82.

Received by Mrs. W. P. Fairbanks, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union: St. Johnsbury, Woman's H. M. Soc. of North Ch.....	\$80 00
M. E. F.....	50 00
W.H.M.U., \$10; special, \$10.....	20 00
Barre, by C. S. Wallace.....	130 00
Bennington, Second, by Emily S. Cobb.....	41 35
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harman, for Debt.....	62 29
Brownington, Martha S. Stone, for Debt.....	15 00
Cabot, Cong. S. S., by H. A. Russell.....	5 00
Cambridge, Mrs. C. Safford.....	10 00
Chester, A Friend.....	5 00
Cornwall, Miss Mary A. Mead, for Debt, by Rev. M. C. Stebbins.....	10 00
A Friend of Missions.....	10 00
East Poultney, Miss M. E. Granger.....	1 00
Ferrisburgh, Lydia Carpenter, by A. Ross.....	6 00
Lunenburg, Cong. S.S. Mite Boxes, by M. Reed.....	6 25
A Widow's Mite.....	40
Middlebury, Cong. S. S., by T. E. Boyce.....	5 55
Milton, by C. H. Jackson.....	19 43
New Haven, A Friend, for Debt.....	50 00
Norwich, Miss C. M. Smith.....	5 00
Pittsford, Anonymous.....	20 00
Royalton, Sarah Skinner Memorial Soc., \$10; A. W. Kenney, to const. himself a L. M. \$50.....	60 00
St. Johnsbury, Olive W. Howard, to const. Mrs. Theron M. Howard a L. M.....	50 00
St. Johnsbury Center, Ch., \$4; S. S., \$2.78; by Rev. N. W. Grover.....	0 78
South Royalton, Mrs. S. H. Jones, \$25; Mrs. E. R. Morse, \$10, for Debt.....	35 00
Springfield, Vermont, P.....	50

Tunbridge, by Rev. T. S. Hubbard.....	10 00
Underhill, by T. B. Barney.....	9 86
Vermont, C. M. T., for Debt.....	5 00
N. M. R., for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00
A Friend.....	100 00
Wallingford, A Friend.....	2 00
Waterbury, by Rev. C. M. Sheldon.....	6 21
West Cornwall, L. C. Wooster.....	40
West Rutland, C. T. Gorham, \$5; Mrs. C. T. Gorham, \$2.....	7 00

MASSACHUSETTS—\$11,038.66.

Mass. H. M. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.....	\$2,500 00
By request of Donors, of which for Bohemian Work, \$60.43; East Weymouth, for Mo. Pelt Fund, \$1.....	1,169 78
For Work among Foreigners in the West.....	4,500 00
Amherst, First, by W. Hamlin.....	8,169 78
Andover, S. S. class, by Mrs. G. Ripley, for Debt.....	110 00
Edward Taylor.....	6 50
A Friend, for Debt.....	20 00
Athol, by C. A. Chapman.....	100 00
Auburndale, Mrs. J. C. Means.....	10 75
Rupee.....	30 00
Barre, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. O. Clark.....	2 00
Barre Plains, W. W. Glazier.....	11 00
Beverly, E. M. Knowlton.....	5 00
Blandford, L. D. Tiffany.....	1 00
Boston, Woman's Home Miss. Assoc., by Miss Ella A. Leland, Treas., for Salary Fund.....	40
Miss Alice Byington.....	100 00
Cash, for Debt.....	300 00
H. F. Carlton.....	10 00
A Friend, to const. Miss S. A. Putnam and A. A. Erving L. Ms.....	2 00
Mrs. C. G. Tobey.....	100 00
Rev. W. E. Merriman, D.D.....	5 30
Brockton, Woman's H. M. Soc. of the First Cong. Ch., by Mrs. E. F. Gardner.....	25 00
Cambridgeport, A Friend.....	18 00
Campello, Mrs. S. H. Foss.....	2 00
Carlton, by A. E. Flisk, to const. Alice M. Aldrich a L. M.....	5 00
Centerville, A Friend.....	52 96
Chilcopee, Third, by J. L. Pease.....	2 00
Cohasset, Second Ch., Seth Richards.....	4 78
Conway, Cong. S. S., by E. L. Warfield.....	200 00
Cummington, by Mrs. C. E. Porter, in full, to const. Rev. Wilbur Rand and Rev. F. G. Webster L. Ms.....	3 62
Dalton, Mrs. Louise F. Crane.....	61 61
East Bridgewater, Union Ch., by G. M. Keith.....	100 00
Easthampton, The Payson Ch. S. S. special.....	9 15
Rev. A. M. Colton.....	25 00
East Longmeadow, Miss E. Morgan.....	5 00
Enfield, W. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. F. Downing, Sec.....	40 00
Fall River, Mrs. S. A. Bowen.....	5 00
Fitchburg, Rollstone Ch., A Friend.....	10 00
D. B. Whittier.....	10 00
C. S. Tolman.....	15 00
Mrs. E. M. Dickinson.....	5 00
Frammingham, Children of the Primary Class, Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. C. E. Daniel.....	4 50
"A Lover of Our Country".....	1 00
Gloucester, Lanesville Ch., special coll. for Debt, by Rev. F. H. Reed.....	12 40
Goshen, by A. Hawks.....	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E., \$1.25; Miss H. M. Putney, \$1.40.....	2 65

Greenfield, S. O. Lamb, a Christmas gift	10 00
A. G. L., \$10; Mrs. A. G. L., \$5.	15 00
Greenwich, H. M. Woods, by C. F. Woods	10 00
Groton, Mrs. Mary M. S. Spaulding, to const. Rev. C. E. Parker and Rev. J. Barstow L. Ma., for Salary Fund	100 00
Hadley, Russell Ch., M. C.	18 50
Hampshire Co., A Friend	119 75
Hatfield, S. S., \$27; Mrs. E. A. Hubbard, \$5, by E. A. Hubbard	32 00
Haverhill, Mrs. Samuel Chase, for Debt, by R. S. Chase	25 00
Haydenville, by C. D. Waite	15 41
Holden, by W. H. Flagg	9 50
Lancaster, L. A. C.	5 00
Lanesville, W. L. Saunders	1 00
Lawrence, Mrs. R. M. Osgood	10 00
Leicester, A Thank-offering	25 00
Longmeadow, A Friend	5 00
Lowell, F. S. Hart	5 00
Lynn, S. S., by W. E. Brickett	6 94
Manomet, Mrs. E. Cleveland	5 00
Merrick, Miss Maria M. Holsington	5 00
Middleboro, A Friend	5 00
Millbury, by C. E. Hunt	16 00
Milton, Mrs. E. E. V. Field	10 00
Monson, Ladies' Benev. Soc., E. M. Newton	25 00
C. W. Holmes, Jr., \$50; Mrs. Sophia B. Holmes, \$25; Mrs. Lydia A. Foster, \$5.	80 00
E. F. Morris	150 00
Mrs. C. W. Holmes, Jr., special	20 00
Mt. Hermon, Prof. H. E. Sawyer	25 00
Newburyport, Miss Anna P. Bassett	9 38
Mrs. E. D. Tappan	2 00
Newtonville, Mrs. H. M. Ware	2 00
North Adams, Mother and Daughter	75 00
Northampton, Two Friends	5 00
Northboro, add'l, by C. A. Lawrence	5 00
Oxford, First Ch., by W. E. Pease	50 00
Peabody, Mrs. L. W. Thatcher, for Debt	10 00
Petersham, Miss S. Goddard	40
Pittsfield, Mrs. Harriet A. Campbell, \$50; Miss E. Campbell, \$25; Miss G. Campbell, \$25	100 00
Mrs. H. M. Hurd	10 00
A Friend	2 00
Quincy, J. H. Wheble	1 00
Rochester, Jane N. Leonard	5 00
South Amherst, Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. E. T. Darling	38 00
South Easton, James Rankin	25 00
South Hadley, Mount Holyoke Sem. Teachers and Pupils, by Sarah H. Melvin	220 00
South Royalston, Second Ch., by A. Blanchard	9 00
South Walpole, Missionary	5 00
Spencer, Cong. S. S., for S. S. W., by G. H. Marsh	25 00
Mrs. M. B. Prouty, for Salary Fund	25 00
Springfield, Hope Cong. S. S., by J. W. Macartney	10 00
D. F. Atwater, M. D.	15 00
Mrs. L. M. Cooley, for Debt	20 00
Mrs. J. Sharrocks	1 40
Taunton, Two Friends	3 00
Tewksbury, Cong. S. S., by Miss B. L. Lee	10 00
Townsend Center, A Friend	40
Turner's Falls, Second Cong. S. S., by K. T. Slate	20 00
Webster, First, by E. L. Spalding	50 00
L. E. H.	1 00
Wellesley, Miss M. A. Stevens	10 00
Wellesley Hills, Miss S. R. Le Bosquet, for Debt	1 40
Wenham, Ch., by Rev. S. Sheldon	16 00
West Boylston, C. T. White	1 40

West Newton, from Pax	1 40
West Springfield, Mrs. Lucy M. Bagg, for Debt	300 00
Mrs. J. M. Smith, special	10 00
Whitinsville, Mrs. M. F. W. Abbott	10 00
Williamstown, Mrs. M. Hopkins, to const. Miss S. S. Hopkins a L. M.	80 00
Winchendon, North Ch., by L. Hale	145 08
Worcester, A. Bliss	5 00
A Friend	20 00
A Friend	6 00

RHODE ISLAND—\$279.70.

Barrington, Cong. S. S., for Debt	
Birthday offering	11 00
Central Falls, A Friend	36 00
East Providence, Newman Ch., by W. W. Ellis	22 00
A Friend	50 00
Newport, A Friend	10 30
Pawtucket, R. A. Gage, \$50; Mrs. R. B. Gage, \$10	60 00
Providence, Beneficent Ch., by E. Barrows, Treas. R. I. H. M. Soc.	75 00
Pilgrim Ch., by H. C. Waters	11 00
Mrs. D. H. Leonard, for Debt	4 40

CONNECTICUT—\$8,184.61; of which Legacies, \$1,040.00.

Miss Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Tr., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec	411 98
Received by F. T. Jarman:	
New Haven, Dr. S. H. B.	\$5 00
North Guilford, Ch.	10 00

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Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec., Woman's H. M. Union: For Salary Fund \$100 00

Fairfield, Ladies of Cong. Ch. and Parish, by Miss Abbie B. Nichols, for Salary Fund	18 28
Hartford, Miss C. A. Jewell, First Ch., Aux. for Salary Fund	100 00
Huntington, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss E. B. Wooster, Salary Fund	7 10
Pomfret, Ladies' H. M. Soc., \$45; Legacy of Miss Caroline D. Adams, \$30; by Miss C. M. Adams, Sec. and Treas., for Salary Fund	65 00

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Avon, A Friend	10 00
Berlin, Second Ch., by H. N. Galpin	98 29
Bethel, A Friend	10 00
Bethlehem, by W. R. Harrison	22 00
Birmingham, J. Ewen	42 00
Bridgeport, Second Cong. S. S., by E. W. Marsh	50 00
Boys' Mission Circle of South Cong. Ch., for Mo. Pelt Fund, by C. W. B. Everett	3 00
Mrs. Abby J. Baldwin, to const. Mrs. G. M. Jewett a L. M.	50 00
Bristol, by E. Peck	272 84
Broad Brook, Cong. S. S., by W. H. Thompson	20 00
Canton Center, W. G. Hallock, special	10 00
Collinsville, by J. S. Hath	31 25
Cong. S. S., by C. S. Jenkins	10 00
Mrs. L. A. Goodwin	40
Connecticut, A Friend, M. E. F.	100 00
Coventry, Mrs. B. T. Preston	10 00
Danbury, Benev. Fund, First Ch., by H. Williams	239 98
Second Ch., by L. P. Treadwell	11 25
Deep River, by L. Kellogg	30 70
East Haddam, Ch.	100 00
East Hartford, First Ch., by E. A. Williams	223 10

South Ch., by E. M. Roberts.....	27 67	to const. O. S. Clark, Miss G. Taylor, and Miss F. Stanley L. Ms....	80 84
East Woodstock, Mrs. S. E. A. Carr, and Children, In Memoriam.....	5 00	First Cong. S. S., by C. E. Curtis...	25 00
Enfield, The "Gleaners," by Miss M. E. Neelans.....	25 00	Norwich, Broadway Ch., by S. B. Bishop, Treas., to const. F. S. Camp, W. B. Aiken, J. G. Woolworth, F. W. Browning, G. F. Bard, W. Caruthers, J. E. Fanning, W. Norton, G. H. Bruce, J. P. Story L. Ms.....	800 00
Fairfield, One of the Primary Class, by A. B. Nichols.....	2 45	Buckingham S. S., by F. J. Leavens.....	25 00
Abby B. Nichols, for Debt.....	5 00	E. A. Huntington.....	5 00
Farmington, by F. C. Jones, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	7 00	Mrs. Jane G. Thomas.....	40 00
Glastonbury, W. S. Williams.....	200 00	Oronoque, Mrs. P. Curtiss.....	6 00
Two Friends.....	210 00	Mainville, A Friend, \$12; A Sister, \$1.....	13 00
Greenwich, Mrs. Rhoda P. Todd, Second Ch., by Rev. W. Choate, for Debt.....	5 00	Plantville, Mrs. T. Higgins, by E. P. Hotchkiss.....	25 00
Guilford, Miss K. M. Dudley, for Debt.....	5 00	Plymouth, J. M. Wardwell.....	10 00
Hadlyme, Second, \$2; R. E. Hungerford, \$5.....	7 00	Pomfret Center, Legacy of Caroline D. Adams, by C. M. Adams.....	30 00
Hampton, Cong. Ch., Miss S. S. Tappan.....	10 00	Putnam, Mrs. H. G. Shaw.....	3 00
Hartford, Windsor Avenue S. S., for Mo. Pelt Fund, by H. Talcott.....	9 00	Rocky Hill, by W. G. Robbins.....	15 81
Mrs. Eliza T. Smith, by C. E. Thompson.....	100 00	Rockville, S. T. Noble.....	10 00
Mrs. H. Bushnell.....	100 00	Roxbury, A Friend.....	8 00
"L. C. D.".....	100 00	Sallsbury, by Rev. J. C. Goddard.....	75 00
Mrs. C. T. Hillyer.....	50 00	A Friend, for Debt.....	2 00
Miss E. R. Hyde.....	1 00	Saybrook, Two Sisters.....	7 00
A. S. Kellogg.....	10 00	Seymour, Catechumen Circle, by Rev. T. E. Davies.....	13 00
Mrs. H. A. Perkins.....	1,000 00	Shelton, J. Tomlinson, for Debt.....	10 00
Anonymous.....	100 00	Sherman, by M. G. Gelston.....	35 00
Higgenum, S. S., by Mrs. D. Huntington.....	25 00	South Norwalk, by S. G. Ferris.....	78 00
Killingly, Mrs. E. F. Jencks.....	34 00	Southport, Anonymous.....	25 00
Lebanon, From Three Ladies.....	5 00	Stamford, George Fox.....	5 00
Ledyard, Newell Soc., by Mrs. F. I. Gray.....	20 00	Stratford, Mrs. C. S. Booth, special.	25 00
Litchfield, A Friend.....	6 13	Suffield, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phelps, \$10; Mr. and Mrs. N. Price, \$5; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Price, \$10; James, Willis, Charles, Lillian, 25c. each, \$1.....	26 06
Lyme, A Friend.....	50 00	Terryville, by Rev. W. F. Arms.....	10 00
Mansfield, C. H. Learned.....	5 00	Thompson, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	18 67
Meriden, First Ch., special coll., by W. H. Catlin.....	5 00	Torrington, A. E. B., for Debt, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00
First, S.S., for Debt, by W. H. Catlin.....	10 00	Miss J. E. Wheeler, by Rev. L. Perrin, D. D.....	4 00
A Member of the Center Ch., for Debt.....	50 00	Torrington, by F. F. Jordan.....	5 00
Miss M. A. Hall.....	25 00	Unionville, A Friend.....	5 00
Milford, E. B. Platt.....	5 50	Vernon, by E. C. Chapman.....	15 00
Millington, Ch., A Friend, \$5; others, 60c., by Rev. G. L. Edwards.....	5 00	West Hartford, Miss Eliza A. Percival, by Julia M. Butler.....	10 00
Monroe, by Rev. J. W. Hartshorn.....	5 60	West Haven, Ch., special coll., for Debt, by W. H. Tallmadge.....	80 00
Nepaug, Mrs. R. M. Butler.....	30 00	Mrs. E. C. Kimball.....	5 00
New Britain, special coll., by W. H. Hart, to const. T. W. Wilbor and F. N. Stanley L. Ms.....	5 00	West Redding, Mrs. J. H. Meeker.....	25 00
New Haven, First, add'l., by F. S. Bradley.....	104 89	West Suffield, by B. Sheldon.....	11 40
Center Ch., Mrs. E. R. Marvin.....	10 00	Wethersfield, R. S. Griswold, \$25; Mrs. T. Griswold, \$5.....	30 00
Henry Hale, a Thanksgiving offering.....	5 00	A Connecticut Yankee.....	5 00
A Christmas offering.....	40 00	Whitneyville, Mrs. A. Putnam, for Debt.....	15 00
Mrs. C. M. Avery.....	100 00	Winchester, by E. B. Bronson.....	5 00
J. M. A.....	4 00	Windham, Ch., add'l., by W. Swift, A Friend.....	4 55
Rev. S. W. Barnum and family.....	5 00	Windsor, First Ch., \$235; Miss Olivia Pierson, \$100, to const. E. S. Payne and C. F. Wilson L. Ms., by S. H. Barber.....	2 00
Dr. R. Crane, \$10; Mrs. E. M. Crane, \$12.....	15 00	A Friend.....	335 00
Prof. J. L. Ensign.....	22 00	Windsor Locks, Cong. S. S., by W. W. Jacobs, Treas.....	7 00
Mrs. M. T. Landfear.....	10 00	Miss M. E. Bickett.....	2 50
A Member of Center Ch.....	5 00	Winsted, First, by J. D. Baldwin.....	95 00
A Friend.....	2 00	Winthrop, Ladies' Soc., \$10; Miss C. Rice, \$2, by R. E. Rice.....	12 00
A Friend.....	25 00	Woodbury, On account of Legacy of Julia E. Bull, by D. S. Bull, adm.....	1,000 00
New London, First Ch., by C. D. Boss, Jr.....	10 00		
New Milford, Dea. E. S. Green, for Debt.....	51 68		
Mrs. Lucy Turrill.....	10 00		
North Cornwall, by E. D. Pratt.....	10 00		
North Haven, Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Miss E. A. Linsley.....	74 00		
North Madison, by Rev. W. E. B. Moore.....	66 00		
North Stonington, by W. B. Cary.....	8 00		
Norwalk, First, by Rev. E. C. Bissell, 145 25			

NEW YORK—\$3,118.68.

Received by Rev. A. G. Upton, Sec.:
Black Creek, Mrs. L. Bur-
vintage..... \$24.00

Cleveland, Jennings Avenue Ch., by C. E. Waite	25 00
Coolville, by Rev. J. Jones	10 00
Croton, Mrs. Alex. Durfey, \$10; Hannah F. Clark, \$2	12 00
East Liverpool, Mrs. H. T. Kitchel	100 00
Garrettsville, Cong. S. S., by C. P. Webb	1 25
Geneva, Miss Lena Hitchcock, M. D.	2 00
Ironton, by Rev. J. C. Hughes	5 00
Marblehead, by E. Mallory	7 00
Newark, Plymouth Ch., by E. I. Jones	5 00
Norwalk, Emma L. Cooke, a Christmas offering	5 00
A Friend	3 00
Oberlin, First Ch., add'l, by H. G. Hensted	735 21
Oxford, Mrs. C. B. Hutchings	5 08
Perrysburgh, J. K. Deering	2 30
Rootstown, by J. W. Seymour	34 44
Siloam, Cong. S. S., by D. J. Davis	6 00
Steubenville, A Friend	5 00
Troy, George Coles	25 00
Vermillion, Ch., Birthday offerings, by Rev. C. L. Hamlen	10 00
Wakeman, by W. M. Whiton	10 07

INDIANA—\$10.00.

Terre Haute, Mrs. Mary H. Ross	10 00
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ILLINOIS—\$1,537.00; of which Legacies, \$1,171.00.

Alton, Charles Phinney	25 30
Canton, Miss E. C. Ingersoll	10 00
Chicago, Legacy of Dea. Dwight Needham, by Rev. J. Tompkins, D. D.	1,000 00
On account of Legacy of Philo Carpenter, by Dr. J. E. Roy	171 00
Mrs. L. A. Bushnell, for Debt	50 00
Miss. L. Silience	1 00
A Friend, for Salary Fund	100 00
Delavan, Ch. \$25; W. R. Baldwin, \$10, by R. Haghton	35 00
Galesburg, G. H. Holyoke	5 00
Morrison, Robert Wallace, for Debt, to const. Miss Julia Wallace and Dr. H. C. Donaldson L. Ms.	100 00
Peoria, Helen M. Breggs, \$10; Mary E. Campbell, \$10	20 00
Springfield, Mrs. O. M. Salter, for Debt	10 00
Wheaton, Widow's Mite	10 00
Illinois Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. James Tompkins, D. D., Sec. [Erroneously acknowledged in January.]	100 00

MISSOURI—\$978.23.

Received by Rev. E. B. Burrows:	
Bonne Terre	\$92 17
Honey Creek	10 00
	102 17
Received by Rev. G. S. Ricker:	
Clinton	\$15 00
Pierce City, Ch., to const. Rev. G. S. Ricker a L. M.	50 00
	65 00
Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch. L. H. M. S. a Thank offering \$312 00	
Young Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch., for Debt	75 00
	387 00
St. Louis, by Rev. D. W. Bartlett	1 35
First, by F. T. Knox	185 00
Third Ch., by Hupp Tevis	17 25
Pilgrim Ch. and S. S., by G. L. Day	213 46
By Rev. G. Wiberg	3 50
L. M. Brown, for Debt	2 00
Mrs. T., for Mo. Pelt Fund	1 50

MICHIGAN—\$3674.22; of which Legacy, \$25.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Almont	\$50 00
Bedford	18 00
Cadillac, Ch., Dea. J. Cumer	100 00
Ceresco	4 00
Gilead	4 00
Grand Rapids, North Ch.	4 40
Harrison	15 00
Hilliard	16 00
Lansing	54 01
Marion, John E. Lee	32 00
Morenci, S. S., special	5 00
Northport, Ch., Dea. W. Gill, special	25 00
A Friend	25 00
Salem, Second	24 22
S. S.	6 02
Tecumseh, Rev. James Vincent	10 00
Wayne	25 00
Wheatland	31 88

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Received by Rev. C. F. Van Auken:	
Farwell	\$34 00
Ironton	30 00
Jackson	80 00
Sault Ste. Marie	15 27
St. Ignace	2 50

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Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc. Chs. and Individuals in Mich.	308 76
Alba, W. H. M. S., for Salary Fund	8 18
Addison, Juvenile Soc., for Miss'y Horse, by Rev. L. Warren	5 00
Allegan, N. B. West, to const. S. S. Dryden a L. M.	50 00
Big Rapids, by Rev. W. W. Davidson	8 00
Breckenridge, by Rev. W. Woodmansee	25 00
Calumet, A Friend	20 00
Central Lake and Ellsworth, by Rev. E. Teneycke	2 60
Chase, by Rev. W. Kilburne	9 00
Clare and Dover, by Rev. C. F. Tuttle	5 00
Clio, \$5; Genesee, \$2.50, by Rev. F. C. Wood	7 50
Coral, by Rev. W. A. Elliott	5 00
Delhi Mills, W. W. Tubbs	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tubbs, for Debt	2 00
Detroit, First, by G. M. Lane	550 00
In the name of Mrs. M. R. Eddy	50 00
A Friend	5 00
Dexter, D. Warner	20 00
Grand Rapids, W. A. Palmer, for Debt	1 08
Greenville, T. M. Stevens, by E. F. Grabill	10 00
Hartford, by Rev. S. Taylor	15 00
Homer, Mrs. C. C. Everts	5 00
Jackson, Bequest of Bela Turner, by M. A. McNaughton, Ex.	25 00
Kalamazoo, First, by D. H. Haines, to const. Rev. G. Von de Kreeke, Mrs. A. N. Richards and Mrs. M. Van Zant L. Ms.	176 92
T. Hudson	500 00
Kalamo and Carmel, by Rev. L. S. Keene	7 50
Lake Linden, by Rev. J. W. Savage	75 00
Medina, Mrs. B. Converse, for Debt	5 00
Northville, D. Pomeroy	1 00
Port Sanilac and Carsonville, by Rev. M. H. Wright	23 01
Ransom, Ladies' Aid Soc., \$10; Ladies' Miss. Soc., \$5, by Rev. I. B. Lillie	15 00
St. Joseph, by Rev. J. V. Hickmott	91 22
Tipton, Franklin Ch., by Rev. H. A. Putnam	7 72

Wayland and Bradley, by Rev. E. I. Ayer	21 25
Whitehall, J. C. Lewis	10 00

WISCONSIN—\$112.27.

Beloit, Rev. J. Porter	50 00
Clintonville, S. S., by C. E. Gibson	1 27
Lake Geneva, M. Barnard, for Debt.	10 00
Weyauwega, \$50; to const. C. P. Baldwin a L. M. and \$1, for Mo. Pelt Fund, Mrs. H. Baldwin	51 00

IOWA—\$242.00; of which Legacy, \$100.00.

Boonsboro, A. M. Palmer	10 00
Cherokee, Miss A. Ballard, for Mo. Pelt Fund	1 00
Garner, W. C. Wells	15 00
Grinnell, Mrs. T. N. Bray, special	25 00
Hastings, A. Friend	10 00
Muscatine, Mrs. E. Kirby	20 00
Friends	10 00
Red Oak, Gomer Co. Cong. Ch., by Rev. D. E. Evans	11 00
Miss M. I. Clark, \$10; Mrs. M. E. Clark, \$5, for Debt	15 00
Tama County, Legacy of Elizabeth N. Barker, by L. Clark, Ex.	100 00
Waterloo, D. H. Leavitt	25 00

MINNESOTA—\$501.96.

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Duluth, Pilgrim Ch.	\$2 00
Faribault	90 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth Ch.	72 50
Second	3 00
Morris, Ch., \$50.50; A	
Friend, \$20	50 90
New Richland	1 25
Zumbrota	37 00

Received by Mrs. M. W. Skinner,	
Treas. Minn. W. H. M. S.	
Afton	\$1 50
Austin, Rev. L. H. Cobb, at State Assoc.	1 00
Excelsior, Mission Band	5 00
Faribault, Ladies of Cong. Ch. Coral Builders	6 75
Glyndon, H. M. S.	3 30
Minneapolis, Plymouth, W. H. M. S.	53 80
Mrs. Hart, \$7; Mrs. H. L. Chase, \$10.75	17 75
Park Avenue M. S.	11 40
Morris, Y. P. S. C. E.	1 00
Stewartville	5 00
Stillwater, Ladies	4 75
St. Paul, Park, Y. L. M. S.	25 00
West Dora	3 00

	143 25	399 90
Anoka, by Rev. F. G. Hoggquist	3 00	
Benson and Campbell, by Rev. C. A. Ruddock	3 20	
Brainerd, First Cong. S. S., by A. E. Losey	6 75	
Fosston, by Rev. A. H. Davis	1 00	
Glyndon, Mrs. S. M. Millard	1 00	
Janesville and New Richland, by Rev. F. M. Hollister	10 25	
Lake Benton, by Rev. F. C. Emerson	4 50	
Minneapolis, by Rev. K. F. Norris	5 00	
by Rev. S. V. S. Fisher	30 18	
A Life Member	10 00	
One of those 400,000 Quarters	25	
A Friend	12 00	
Northfield, First Ch., by C. W. Gress	62 77	
Sauk Rapids, Mrs. Dea. Carpenter, by P. S. Smith	5 00	

Sauk Rapids and Cable, by Rev. P. S. Smith	12 35
St. Cloud, by W. T. Clark	13 20
Villard, by Rev. E. N. Ruddock	7 05
Winona, by Rev. H. M. Herrick	13 25

KANSAS—\$342.63.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty,	
Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Edmond	\$3 00
Eureka, W. H. M. Soc.	20 00
Ford City, W. H. M. S.	1 10
Hiawatha	5 00
C. H. Isely	1 30
North Topeka	12 00
Oneida	3 57
Ottawa, W. H. M. S.	15 21
F. B. Stanley	2 00
H. P. Stanley	3 00

Received by Rev. W. C. Veazie:	
Anthony	\$30 00
Burlington	30 00
Kiowa	34 40
Paola	10 70
Rev. W. C. Veazie	5 00

Bird City and Celia, by Rev. L. A. Smith	1 50
Garden City, Ch., \$13; S. S., \$2, by Rev. L. Wood	15 00
Hiawatha, Ch., \$11.55; Woman's H. M. S., \$5, by Rev. J. B. Richardson	16 56
Leonardville, J. W. Blachly	2 20
McPherson, by Rev. H. D. Herr	5 00
Manhattan, H. Marshall	5 00
Orange City, by Rev. J. V. Jones	5 00
Palermo, Maria Rappelye	5 00
Paola, W. G. Poor	31 69
Parsons, F. A. Locke, \$10; Mrs. S. C. Boardman, \$5	15 00
Seneca, by Rev. G. C. Lochridge	33 50
Tonganoxie, by Rev. S. F. Wilson	30 00
Wabunsee, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch. of Christ, by J. F. Willard	1 50
Mrs. M. E. Noyes and Daughters	10 00
Wabunsee, First Ch. of Christ, \$29.05; Y. P. S. C. E., \$4.30, by Rev. J. F. Willard	\$33.35
(Erroneously acknowledged in January.)	

NEBRASKA—\$586.06.

Received by Rev. J. L. Maille:	
Arberville, by F. N. Recknor	\$3 00
Ashland, by Rev. J. E. Breerton	2 10
Avoca, by Rev. J. Morley	3 53
Bradshaw, by D. V. Moore	4 25
Clay Center, by N. M. Moulton	6 50
Columbus, by Mrs. M. B. Clark	27 50
Eagle, by Mrs. Lilla G. English	7 85
Fremont, by Rev. L. F. Berry	154 90
Rev. L. F. Berry's S. S.	11 41
Milford, by F. S. Johnson	11 50
Omaha, by A. Friend	35 00
Omaha, A. Friend	35 00
Seward, by Rev. J. A. Dobson	10 00
Surprise, by Mrs. M. E. Greenslit	10 00
Ulysses, by C. M. Rice	12 75
Vernden, by Miss L. Bush	1 00
by W. T. Burk	5 26
Weeping Water, by G. A. Ashman	40 00

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Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Camp Creek.....	\$2 00
Talmage.....	5 00
York.....	18 73
	<hr/> \$25 73
Arlington, by Rev. J. B. Bidwell.....	418 20
Beatrice, by Rev. E. S. Smith.....	20 00
David City, by Rev. V. S. Clark.....	20 00
Doniphan and Trumbull, by Rev. J. H. Embree.....	5 00
Groversville, Ch., \$4.35; Park Ch., \$3.71, by Rev. B. F. Pearson.....	8 16
Grand Island, by Rev. D. W. Comstock.....	16 50
Guide Rock, by Rev. J. Newman.....	2 00
Omaha, by Rev. F. S. Forbes.....	5 00
by Rev. H. C. Crane.....	50 00
Red Cloud, Cong. S. S., by Fidelia Schaffall.....	3 20
Scribner, S. S., by Mrs. M. B. Harrison.....	8 00
West Point, by Rev. C. H. Huestle..	10 00
NORTH DAKOTA—\$45.55.	
Cummings, by Rev. C. H. Phillips..	11 85
Fargo, Rev. A. B. Peebles.....	5 00
Lincoln and Gold Hill, by Rev. G. W. Trimble.....	6 00
Rose Valley, by Rev. J. J. Davy.....	20 00
Sykeston, by Rev. W. Griffith.....	2 70
SOUTH DAKOTA—\$250.33.	
Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Firesteel.....	\$2 00
Lake Preston, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	2 00
Vermillion.....	5 00
Yankton.....	2 50
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Canton, by Rev. J. L. Granger.....	4 77
Carthage, G.....	1 00
Chamberlain, by Rev. W. B. Hubbard.....	28 00
Crow Lake and Beulah, by Rev. F. W. Moore.....	4 00
Deadwood, W. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. L. Mockel, Acting Sec.....	13 25
De Smet, by Rev. J. R. Bonney.....	22 75
Eureka, by Rev. H. Hetzler.....	15 00
Logan and Arena, by Rev. G. R. Berry.....	5 00
Parkston, by Rev. C. W. Wurr-schmidt.....	40 50
Pierre, by Rev. J. Oakley.....	10 50
Reville, by Rev. J. Trueblood.....	5 00
Rosette Park, Ch. and S. S., by Rev. J. M. Bates.....	8 50
Sioux Falls, Hattie C. Phillips, for Debt.....	10 00
Yankton, Ch., \$50.55, for Salary Fund; J. R. Sanborn, \$25, by Rev. D. F. Bradley.....	75 56
COLORADO—\$56.47.	
Colorado Springs, Cong. S. S., by G. M. Kerr.....	4 90
Crested Butte, Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. J. F. Axtell.....	8 00
Denver, by Rev. T. A. Uzzell.....	11 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. King.....	15 00
Frinta, by Rev. A. H. Bears.....	7 15
Highland Lake, S. S. Miss. Soc., by H. Oviatt.....	10 42
WYOMING—\$3.55.	
Glenrock, by Rev. H. Bross.....	3 55
MONTANA—\$10.00.	
Livingston, by Rev. W. C. Fowler...	10 00

UTAH—\$30.00.

Salt Lake City, Phillips Ch., by Rev. W. S. Hawkes.....	20 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$1,734.03.

Received by J. S. Hutchinson, Treas. Cal. H. M. Soc.:	
General Assoc. of Cal.....	\$51 75
Woman's State Home Miss. Soc.....	100 00
Oakland, Plymouth Avenue Ch.....	25 60
First Cong. Ch.....	1,068 33
San Francisco, Plymouth Ch.....	50 00
Santa Cruz, First.....	60 65
	<hr/> 1,356 33
Belmont, Mrs. E. L. Reed and Daughter, by Mrs. F. A. Blackburn.....	28 00
Compton, by Rev. H. Jones.....	5 00
East Los Angeles, Dea J. E. Cushman, by Rev. J. T. Ford.....	25 00
Galt, by Rev. R. H. Thomas.....	5 10
Lodi, by Rev. J. H. Warren, D.D.....	1 80
Lugonia, First Ch., by C. H. Lathrop.....	40 80
Oakland, Plymouth Avenue Ch., Seth Richards.....	200 00
Mrs. C. W. Farnum and Mother.....	10 00
Pasadena, Mrs. E. M. Orton.....	2 40
San Diego, Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Burnham, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	5 00
Santa Barbara, by C. F. Low.....	100 00
Saticoy, by Rev. W. W. Snell.....	5 00

OREGON—\$25.25.

Beaverton, by Rev. J. W. Eldredge.....	5 00
Corvallis, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, D.D.....	5 00
Grass Valley, by Rev. W. S. Runyan.....	1 00
Hood River, by Rev. T. J. Hosford.....	5 00
Pendleton, by Rev. G. H. Lee.....	9 25

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$79.30.

Received by Rev. T. Walters:	
Sprague.....	\$8 00
Winas.....	5 00
	<hr/> 13 00
Eagle Harbor, by Rev. H. Bates.....	10 80
Pullman and Union Flat, by Rev. J. Davies.....	10 00
Seattle, by Rev. W. E. Dawson.....	21 00
E. Smith, for Debt.....	25 00

CANADA—\$25.00.

Montreal, C. T. Williams, for Debt.....	25 00
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HOME MISSIONARY..... 208 87

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Donations of Clothing, etc.

Ashtabula, O., Ladies Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. S. B. Hershey, barrel.....	\$67 32
Auburn, Me., Sixth Street and Minot Center Chs., by Mrs. L. J. Thomas, box, cash, and freight.....	72 00
Baltimore, Md., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. M. M. Brown, box and freight.....	102 00
Berkshire, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc. of First Ch., by Hattie B. Johnson, barrel and freight.....	65 15
Biddeford, Me., Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. J. G. Garland, barrel.....	50 00
Binghamton, N. Y., Helper's Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. I. W. Brown, box and cash.....	130 45

Black Rock, Ct., Ladies, by Sarah J. Bartram, barrel.....	125 00	Laingsburg, Mich., Mrs. E. F. Grabill, box.....	30 00
Bridgeport, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc. of Park St. Ch., by Sarah E. Hubbard, box and barrel.....	87 00	Lebanon Center, Me., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. H. B. Horne, package.....	30 00
Bristol, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Mrs. N. L. Brewster, through Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., barrel.....	93 30	Lewiston, Me., Woman's H. M. Soc. of Pine St. Ch., by Mrs. P. M. Thurlow, barrel and package.....	70 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Benev. and Social Circle of East Ch., by Mary J. Annotte, box and cash.....	450 00	Lyme, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. L. A. Churchill, box and freight.....	47 00
Zenana Band of Central Ch., by Grace C. Sawyer, box and two barrels.....	225 00	Manchester, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Assoc. of Franklin St. Ch., by Laura A. Kidder, barrel.....	108 65
Society of King's Daughters, Rockaway Ave. Ch., by Miss Nellie S. Stone, barrel.....	17 00	Manchester Center, Ct., Sew. Soc., by Mrs. A. J. Spencer, box and freight.....	121 00
Ladies' Benev. Soc. of South Ch., by Marion Libby, two boxes.....	280 00	Meriden, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. W. H. Squire, box Y. P. C. E., of First Ch., by W. H. Catlin, box, cash, and freight.....	212 00
South Cong. Chapel, box.....		Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon, barrel and freight.....	45 00
Cambridge, N. Y., Woman's Miss. Soc., by Miss Florence A. Wells, barrel and package.....	71 17	Millford, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Union of First Ch., by Mrs. Charlotte B. Nettleton, through Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., barrel.....	60 00
Carthage, Mo., Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss Flora G. Riley, barrel.....	53 00	Montclair, N. J., Mrs. Nellie H. Beckwith, barrel.....	85 00
Cincinnati, O., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of Central Ch., by Mrs. E. C. Walton, box.....	60 00	Moravia, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. H. S. Tutbill, box.....	51 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Walnut Hills Ch., by Mrs. F. Louisa Page, box.....	125 00	Newark, N. J., Belleville Ave. Ch., barrel, package, and freight.....	101 00
Collinsville, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Josephine A. Barbour, box.....	80 50	New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., Aux. of the Union, by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, box and freight.....	30 30
Corona, L. I., Union Evangelical Ch., by Mrs. W. C. Hervey, box and freight.....	80 74	New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of the Ch. of the Redeemer, by Mrs. Harriet A. Miller, box.....	253 00
Cummington, Mass., Mrs. C. E. Porter, Communion Service.....		Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. Charles S. Gray, barrel.....	121 55
Danbury, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Libbie B. Ball, box.....	139 00	New London, Ct., Dorcas Soc., by Mrs. J. W. Eggleston, box.....	130 00
Darien, Ct., Young Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Carrie M. Hoyt, two barrels.....	37 00	New Milford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. Clayton S. Perry, box and freight.....	102 30
Dover, N. H., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Hannah Wyatt, two barrels, box, and freight.....	211 08	New York City, Young Ladies of 48th St. Ch., by Mary L. Todd, box.....	
East Jaffrey, N. H., "Cheerful Helpers" Miss. Circle, by Miss C. S. Runnells, freight on barrel.....	4 06	Ladies' Soc. of Trinity Ch., Tremont, by Mrs. Mary E. Clark, barrel and freight.....	95 63
Ellsworth, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Julia P. L. Dunbar, box.....	25 00	Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle Ch., by Mrs. Henry C. Houghton, five trunks.....	
Elyria, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. E. Crandall, box.....	123 40	State Charities Aid Assoc., bundle.....	
Exeter, N. H., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by E. E. Gerrish, barrel.....	103 00	North Haven, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Eunice A. Linsley, barrel and freight.....	96 00
Grand Rapids, Mich., Second Ch., by Rev. Leroy Warren, barrel.....	40 00	North Madison, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Rev. W. E. B. Moore, barrel and freight.....	46 50
W. H. M. S., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, barrel.....	40	Norwich Town, Ct., Woman's Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. H. L. Yerrington, barrel, com. set, and pulpit bible.....	143 75
Groton, Ct., "The Fire Flies" Miss. Circle, by Mrs. Clara B. Whitman, barrel.....	94 00	Orange, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. D. E. Russell, barrel.....	31 64
Ladies, by Mrs. Wilson Allyn, barrel and freight.....	60 00	Orange, N. J., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Orange Valley Ch., by Mary E. Burtis, box.....	250 00
Gulfport, Ct., Ladies of First Ch., by Miss Carrie A. Parker, barrel.....	58 40	Mrs. W. C. Conant, comforter.....	
Hadley, Mass., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Parish, by Mrs. Edwin Smith, 10 pair stockings.....	8 00	Palmsville, O., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. D. R. Davis, box and freight.....	135 00
Hancock, N. H., Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Mrs. D. F. Bigelow, barrel.....	38 00	Pawtucket, R. I., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. L. B. Goff, box.....	110 00
Hanover, N. H., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Susan A. Brown, two barrels and freight.....	190 00	Peace Dale, R. I., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mary P. B. Hazard, box.....	125 00
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., Aux. to The W. C. Home Miss. Union of Ct., by Miss Emma Bunce, box.....	20 40	Philadelphia, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. Nellie F. Frink, box.....	30 00
Sew. Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. Charles H. Smith, through The Woman's Cong. H. M. Union of Conn., box.....	200 55	Plantville, Ct., Ladies' Industrial Soc., by Mrs. E. W. Twichell, box and cash.....	94 00
Hopkinton, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. Laura L. Chittenden, box.....	57 00	Providence, R. I., North Ch., Aux. of	

M. A., by Miss Mary E. East- arrel	60 73	Andover, Chapel, by Warren F. Draper, for A. H. M. S.	183 00
Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., s. Wm. Knight, box	140 00	South, Bible Class of Mrs. Geo. Gould, by Minnie Burt, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
Ct. Woman's Home Miss. rough The Woman's H. M. of Ct., by Mrs. Arthur B. Hill,	48 68	Debt	23 00
N. Y. Ladies' Miss. Soc. and Workers, by Mrs. F. W. barrel	42 00	Ashland, by Edwin Perry	10 00
Mo. Ladies' Home Miss. Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. W. F. i, seven barrels and package Ch., W. M. S. of Second Ch., Leroy Warren, barrel	390 58	Athol, Parmenter, F. C.	2 55
Miss N. Y. Ladies' Home c. of First Ch., by Mrs. C. A. barrel	27 00	Barnstable, Hyannis, by Rosie C. Beare	4 00
ort. N. Y., Y. P. S. C. E., McIntyre, barrel	60 00	Boston, A Friend, O. A.	7 50
n. Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc. of Ch., by Martha C. T. Hill,	27 00	Central, add'l., C. Houghton, by J. N. Denison	5 00
St. Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., The Woman's H. M. Union by Mrs. W. L. Loomis, barrel	158 00	Dorchester, W. A. Dyer, for A. H. M. S. Second, by Miss E. Tolman, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
Vt., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. E. low, barrel and freight	152 80	Mrs. Wm. Wales, by Miss E. Tol- man, for A. H. M. S.	25 00
Ct. Ladies' Benev. Soc., by B. Baldwin, barrel	57 25	H. H. W.	5 00
ga. N. Y. Ladies' Soc. of i, by Mrs. E. T. Downs, box	58 68	Mt. Vernon, by Rev. J. T. Tucker, DD. Park St., by Wm. B. Garritt (in part), to const. Miss N. M. Etheridge, Miss Angeline A. Tead, Arthur A. Maxwell, and Seth P. Smith L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	10 00
R. I., The Cheerful Workers, and F. King, barrel and	35 00	Miss M. L. Perkins, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
N. J., E. C. Skillman, box s. Mills, N. Y. Woman's H. by Minnie C. Whitney, bar-	75 65	Debt	10 00
rd, Ct., Club of King's are in Cong. S. S., by Mrs. C. inson, box	26 00	Mrs. B. Perkins, for A. H. M. S. Debt Roslindale, A Friend	20 00
rd, Vt., A Friend, box	22 00	Roxbury, Mrs. R. R. Cook	2 00
n. O., Ladies' Benev. Soc., Frank Vaughn, box	61 12	R. R., for A. H. M. S.	40
sted, Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc. of Ch., through The Woman's Inion of Ct., by Mrs. John rrel	88 84	Shawmut, by D. E. Curtis, (of which \$25 by Mrs. A. D. Webber)	15 00
own, Vt., Annette Edson, box Ct., Ladies' Aid Soc. of i, by Mrs. J. A. Smith, two	147 00	South, Phillips, by Chas. J. Lincoln Edward A. Strong, for A. H. M. S. Union, by Albert Gay Woman's Home Miss. Association, by Ella A. Leland, Tr., for A. H. M. S.	325 00
r, Mass., Miss. Circle of Old h., by Mrs. E. Flagg, barrel	135 00	Boxboro, by A. W. Wetherbee	312 11
O. Douglass, Grinnell, Ia.:	50 00	Boxford, West, by Rev. C. L. Hubbard Braintree, First Parish, L. H. M. S., by Miss Sarah H. Thayer, to const. Mrs. Eva C. Arnold a L. M.	50 00
ort.	99 08	Bridgewater, Scotland, by Mrs. S. O. Kelch	80 00
g Ladies	60 00	Brookfield	24 55
k	53 35	Brunswick, Me., First, Rev. W. P. Fisher, by R. H. Stanwood, for A. H. M. S.	50 00
cash	40 00	Byfield, South, by J. N. Dummer	100 00
or	62 25	Cambridge, for A. H. M. S.	23 00
City	69 15	Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, S. S., by D. S. Coolidge, to const. Hamilton H. Per- kins a L. M.	300 00
ne	30 00	Carter, Sabra, Fund. Income of	30 00
a	71 82	Chelsea, Miss M. E. Brooks	7 50
g Ladies	64 00	Miss S. R. Brooks	7 50
le	56 20	Miss A. M. Dutch	5 00
burg	17 00	First, by H. W. Jeffers, for A. H. M. S.	29 05
	20 0	Third, by John Bell	63 70
	900	Chester, N. H., Miss Emily J. Hazelton Cohasset, A Friend, "A"	5 00
	28 00	Danvers, Maple St., add'l., by Rev. E. C. Ewing	5 00
		Dedham, Mrs. Annette W. Cook, to const. herself a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 00
		Dudley, First, by Daniel Dwight	18 58
		Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright, for "New Work"	89 06
		Payson, by H. L. Clark (L. Ms. to be named)	395 17
		Easton, "Two little towards a muckle," by "F. H."	2 00
		Edgartown, by C. B. Marchant	16 04
		Enfield, by L. D. Potter	32 86
		Essex Co., E. L. W., for A. H. M. S.	7 00
		Fairhaven, M. P., for A. H. M. S.	5 00
		Special for French Prot. Coll.	10 00
		Sarah Pope, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
		Fall River, Third, by A. Lawson	12 87
		Falmouth, First, by Geo. E. Clarke	112 55
		Fitchburg, Rollstone, S. S. Class of Rev. J. M. R. Eaton, by the Teacher	10 00
		Framingham, Saxonville, Edwards, by Tristram Goldthwaite	23 51
		Franklin, First, by Chas. Gowen, w. p.	

HUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

of the Massachusetts Home Missionary
in December, REV. EDWIN B. PALMER,

First, by E. M. Nash	\$18 60
an., by Rev. G. W. Stearns	21 00
North, by S. E. Harrington, Frank K. Cloud and Mrs. Smith L. Ms	75 00

g. to const. Alden Taylor Mann a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	40 00	Marshfield, First, by Rev. E. Alden....	143 42
Gloucester, Evan., by the Pastor.	45 00	East, by I. H. Hatch.....	16 32
Grafton, Saundersville, by A. E. Gurney.....	10 00	Massachusetts, A Friend, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Granville, West, Mrs. T. O. Rice.....	10 00	Cash, "F." for A. H. M. S. Debt....	100 00
Greenfield, First, by Rev. S. H. Robinson.....	28 70	Medford, Mystic, McCollum Mission Circle, by Miss M. E. Grant.....	25 00
Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk (of which \$17.44 for A. H. M. S.).....	111 46	West, by E. C. Smith.....	19 70
Greenfield, N. H., by Rev. Geo. W. Ruland, for A. H. M. S.	8 00	Medway, Village, by Rev. R. K. Harlow, (previously given \$23).....	100 00
Hale, E. J. M. Fund, Income of.....	112 50	West, Second, by S. Newman Metcalf.....	7 25
Hallowell, Maine, Mrs. H. K. Baker, by H. K. Baker, for A. H. M. S.	10 00	Third, by Rev. F. R. Abbe, to const. Mrs. Sarah A. Cole and N. W. Davenport L. Ma.....	68 00
Hampden Benev. Association, by Chas. Marsh, Tr.:.....		Millbury, Putnam, Mrs. Louise S., by Rev. Geo. A. Putnam.....	5 00
Chicopee, Second.....	\$40 94	Millia, by E. Clark.....	20 00
Third.....	44 68	Montague, by Sanford Marsh.....	65 25
Huntington, Second.....	40 52	Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Sanford Marsh.....	11 00
Longmeadow, East.....	36 50	New Bedford, A Friend, U. S. 4 th Bond, for A. H. M. S. worth.....	128 00
Ludlow.....	30 05	Newbury, West, Carr, Mrs. H. W., Est. of, by J. C. Carr.....	105 51
Munson.....	89 71	New Marlboro, by H. W. Palmer.....	4 00
So. Hadley Falls.....	15 43	Newton, Eliot, by D. E. Snow.....	124 07
Springfield, Memorial.....	59 08	First, by F. H. Scudder.....	161 83
Olivet.....	24 98	West, Second, Miss S. M. Clarke's S. S. Primary Class, birth-day offering	2 00
West Springfield, Mittineague.....	54 52	Norfolk, by N. H. Rockwood.....	2 50
	326 35	North Adams, First, by A. D. Cady.....	159 69
Hanson, by I. C. Howland.....	8 39	Northbridge, Center, by Rev. Jas. H. Childs.....	12 00
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. C. M. Pierce.....	11 10	North Brookfield, Union S. S. "Sunbeams," by Rev. J. W. Hurd, to const. Mrs. Dan'l W. Knight a L. M. Northfield, Trin., Ladies Sewing Circle, by Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, freight on barrel.....	5 00
Gilbertville, by A. H. Richardson (of which \$2 for Frontier Work), to const. F. A. Hitchcock, Maggie Dunlop, Mrs. James Bates, Jr., and Mrs. C. D. Ward L. Ma.....	126 16	Peabody, Rockville, by Rev. I. Ainsworth.....	8 50
Hatfield, special, by Alpheus Cowles, for A. H. M. S.	67 53	Pelham, N. H., Mrs. E. W. Tyler, for freight.....	2 00
Haverhill, Center, by Ezra Kelly, for A. H. M. S.	40 00	Pepperell, by Chas. Crosby.....	44 68
Holland, Thank-offering.....	5 00	Pittsfield, First, by Frank W. Dutton.....	95 19
Holliston, Mrs. S. G. Burnap, for A. H. M. S.	20 00	South, by H. M. Pierson.....	56 44
Hopkinton, First, by F. O. Thompson.....	50 25	Princeton, by J. D. Gregory.....	95 00
Add'l.....	75 00	Wash. St., by Geo. Sidelinger.....	13 65
S. S. Primary Class, by S. I. Valentine.....	15 00	Quincy, S. S., by C. W. Carter.....	25 60
Woodville, Mrs. M. G. Adams and a Friend, by C. F. Adams, for A. H. M. S.	6 00	Raynham, First, by Joseph W. White.....	21 40
Housatonic, special coll., by S. W. Wright.....	21 35	Reading, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	25 00
Hyde Park, A Friend, "M.".....	5 00	Special, by S. G. B. Pearson.....	5 00
First, by J. Ellery Piper.....	33 09	Rockland, by Will. H. Clark, L. Ma. to be named.....	100 00
Mrs. Emily F. Hayward, by J. Ellery Piper.....	10 00	Rockport, First, by Z. A. Appleton.....	20 27
Instead of potatoes mentioned in "Congregationalist".....	2 00	Rye, N. H., by Rev. H. M. Holmes, for A. H. M. S.	20 00
Ipswich, First, by N. R. Farley.....	20 00	Salem, Member of South Ch., for A. H. M. S. Debt.....	10 00
Linebrook, by J. H. Tenney.....	9 00	Scituate, Center, by John H. Young.....	7 75
Mrs. Martha P. Conant, by J. H. Tenney.....	1 00	Shirley, Village, Orth, by J. W. Thatcher.....	5 00
Kingston, Mayflower, by Rev. Z. Crowell, for A. H. M. S.	15 00	Smithville, N. Y., by Emeline B. Sayer, for A. H. M. S.	2 00
Lawrence, Mrs. E. M. Garland.....	25 00	Somerville, First, by Abbie L. Merrill.....	12 00
Lincoln, by M. C. Flint.....	35 00	West, Day St., Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. Warren Upham, for A. H. M. S. Debt.....	15 50
Littleton, In Memoriam, E. C. H.	10 00	Winter Hill, by S. A. Underhill, for A. H. M. S.	16 66
Lowell, Eliot S. S. and Friends, by Mrs. E. A. Bigelow, w. p. g., to const. Chas. F. Flemings a L. M. of A. H. M. S.	40 00	Southampton, by Timothy B. Bates.....	61 07
Lunenburg, Bertram M. Parker and Henry A. Parker, "The Lord's tenth of the earnings of two boys".....	4 00	Southbridge, Clarke, J. T.	2 00
Lynn, First, by C. W. Royce.....	106 65	Southfield, by H. W. Palmer.....	15 00
Malden, First, by Herbert Porter.....	38 00	Sterling, by Rev. John E. Dodge, towards L. M.	37 77
Manchester, by Geo. F. Allen.....	47 57	Stockbridge, by D. N. Williams.....	115 57
Welch, Sally, Est. of, by Geo. F. Allen.....	43 40	Stoughton, Clapp, Samuel, on obligation.....	150 00
Marion, by H. H. Luce.....	6 88	Sudbury, South, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev. D. W. Richardson.....	22 00
Luce, Miss Mary, Est. of, by Capt. Geo. L. Luce, Ex., bequest and interest.....	53 00	Templeton, Trin., by John Whittemore.....	16 32
Pitcher, John, Est. of, by A. J. Hadley, Adm.....	45 52	Tisbury, West, First, by Ulysses E. Mayhew.....	21 79

Townsend, Special Christmas offering, by J. M. Boutelle.....	29 81
Tyngsboro, Evan., by Mrs. Rhoda Sherburne.....	4 00
Uxbridge.....	11 50
Waltham, French, Mrs. Sarah E.....	20 00
Wellesley Hills, by A. R. Clapp.....	60 00
West Boylston, First, by E. B. Rice, for A. H. M. S.....	27 12
Westhampton, by A. D. Montague, to const. A. D. Rice, L. M. of A. H. M. S.	50 01
Westminster, First, by D. W. Hill, for A. H. M. S.....	28 96
Weymouth and Braintree, Union S. S., by Rev. E. T. Pitts, special for Rev. E. A. Adams, Chicago.....	13 00
Weymouth, East, by Chas. B. Cushing (of which \$1.00 for Mo. "Hog Pelt"), to constitute Aubrey W. Hart a L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	80 00
North, First, by E. Humphrey.....	54 50
South, Second, by Rev. H. C. Alvord	31 00
Whitman, Whitman, Miss Caroline A., for A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Y. P. S. C. E., proceeds of Montgomery Concert, by Jennie L. Faunce.....	4 75
Winchester, First, special at service of Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	25 00
By Eugene Tappan, special for Union Cong'l Ch., So. Medford.....	100 00
Worcester, Plymouth, Ladies' Aux. Miss. Soc., by Miss E. K. Mellen.....	26 26
Yarmouth, West, by Abbie B. Crowell.....	5 00

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\$9,334 68

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ERRATUM.—Page 441, January *Home Missionary*, after Boston, Park St., by W. B. Garritt, read "in part." Page 442, first column, second line, for \$3.26 read \$33.26.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in December.

Abington, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. M. B. Haskins, barrel, \$30.00 cash.....	\$180 00
Andover, South, Ladies' Char. Soc., by Mrs. Selah B. Merrill, two barrels and freight.....	215 20
West, Ladies' Seam. Friend Soc., by Mrs. E. F. Holt, in addition to \$70.00 previously sent, barrel.....	34 00
Barnstable, Centerville, Friends of Home Missions, by Mrs. H. R. Scudder, barrel and freight.....	61 70
Belmont, Waverly, Mrs. Dr. Butler, pair skates, unappraised.....	
Beverly, Washington St., Ladies, by Mrs. H. A. Simonds, barrel.....	55 00
Boston, Second-hand Overcoat, unappraised.....	
Charlestown, Winthrop, Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Miss Helen Tufts, barrel.....	126 00
Jamaica Plain, Central, Ladies, by Mrs. L. J. Wood, barrel, box and freight.....	142 49
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, Ladies' Social Aid Soc., by Mrs. G. A. Coburn, box and freight.....	104 61
Wood Memorial, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Mary C. Ball, barrel.....	38 00
Great Barrington, Ladies, by Alice Beckwith, barrel and package.....	140 00
Greenfield, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Lewis Merriam, barrel, freight, and cash.....	78 64
Harwich, Ladies, by Mary G. Underwood, barrel and freight.....	56 00
Hopkinton, Ladies, by S. B. Crooks, barrel and freight.....	100 00

Hyde Park, First, W. H. M. Union, by Mrs. M. C. Clark, barrel and freight.....	102 00
Lawrence, Law. St., Ladies, by Mrs. S. J. Quimby, barrel, freight and cash.....	163 66
Lee, Ladies, by Miss C. Rowland, barrel and freight.....	73 00
Longmeadow, East, Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. F. W. Lathrop, barrel, freight, and cash.....	34 40
Lowell, Highland, Ladies, by Mrs. S. W. Adriance, barrel and expressage.....	42 35
Malden, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. C. M. Fredick, two barrels and box.....	153 54
Medford, Mystic, W. H. M. Soc., by Mrs. N. A. Dyer, two barrels, box and cash.....	257 00
Methuen, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Sarah E. Sargent, barrel and freight.....	63 65
Millis, Ladies, by Mrs. E. D. Jameson, packages, unappraised.....	
Montague, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss M. Angie Dean, box.....	23 50
Newbury, So. Byfield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Abbie M. Burnham, supplies (of which \$12.25 by young ladies).....	56 28
Newburyport, Prospect St., Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Abbie S. Edwards, two barrels and freight.....	138 94
Whitefield, Tyler Mission Circle, by Mrs. F. M. Gillette, supplies and freight.....	223 08
North Adams, W. H. M. A. Auxiliary, by Mrs. D. A. Anderson, barrel.....	56 00
Northampton, Edwards, Ladies, by Mrs. Sarah M. Hodges, barrel, freight, and cash.....	145 00
First, Ladies, by Mrs. J. H. Searle, box and cash.....	140 00
Orange, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. G. E. Bates, barrel and freight.....	122 20
Peabody, South, Ladies, by Mrs. H. S. Robbins, two barrels, unappraised.....	
Pelham, N. H., Mrs. E. W. Tyler, barrel, unappraised, and \$2 cash.....	
Sharon, Dorcas Soc., by Sara B. Chute, two barrels and freight.....	178 61
South Deerfield, Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. A. M. Rice, barrel and freight.....	51 00
South Framingham, Ladies' Benevolent Association, by Mrs. Geo. E. Kendall, two barrels and freight.....	108 16
Spencer, Ladies' Char. Society, by Mrs. Henry P. Howland, two barrels	115 22
Stockbridge, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. C. F. Warner, barrel and freight.....	91 00
Stoneham, Stevens H. M. Soc., by S. J. R., barrel and freight.....	74 50
Sudbury, South, Ladies, by Mrs. A. E. Richardson, barrel (and cash \$23).....	33 00
Taunton, Broadway, Ladies' H. M. Circle, by L. Alice Perkins, barrel and box.....	66 43
Winslow, Young Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Miss A. H. Andros, box and freight.....	37 10
Watertown, Phillips, Ladies, by Mrs. M. Fuller, barrel and freight.....	78 00
Westfield, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. H. Hooker, barrel, half barrel, package, and freight.....	119 20
Williamstown, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Francis A. Snyder, three barrels.....	200 00
Worcester, Central, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. A. Sumner, two barrels and freight.....	148 42

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* Acknowledged in Receipts, etc.

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in November, 1888, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.*

Aurora, Mrs. J. L. Greenfield.....	\$5 00
Bowen, George Nash, special.....	10 00
Henry Nash, special.....	10 00
Bureau, in support of services.....	7 65
Chicago, First Cong. Ch.....	145 58
Leavitt St., Chas. Leonard.....	1 00
South German.....	2 00
Crete, Rev. Samuel Porter.....	1 00
De Pue, in support of services.....	8 80
Dover, George Wells.....	300 00
Galesburg, First Church of Christ.....	124 49
Griggsville.....	74 51
Hermosa, special.....	1 22
Hinsdale, Dr. L. P. Haskell.....	15 00
Leyden Center, special.....	1 88
Malden.....	8 50
Mound City.....	4 00
Plainfield, Mrs. Sarah E. Jones.....	5 00
Princeton, Rev. F. Bascom.....	5 00
Rockford, Second Cong. Ch.....	107 87
Roseville, L. C. Axtell.....	6 12
Sycamore, \$151.81; J. H. Rogers, \$100.....	261 81
Toulon, \$45.01; S. S., \$5.13.....	50 14
Waukonsa, special.....	25 00
Illinois Woman's H. M. Union.....	165 41
Bureau Association, for the De Pue Mission.....	10 60
E. F. Parr, Chicago.....	15 00
Cash.....	16 00
A Friend.....	80 53

\$1,459 06**IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.***Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society in October and November, 1888. J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.*

Alden.....	\$12 00
Alton.....	14 00
Almora, Ladies.....	2 00
Algona.....	6 50
Aurelia.....	22 75
Beacon, Joshua Price.....	50 00
Bellevue, Ladies, \$2.72; Y. P. S. C. E., \$6.....	8 72
Berwick.....	37 00
Britt.....	5 00
Burlington, Ladies.....	160 00
Castana.....	5 00
Cedar Falls, Ladies.....	4 52
Cincinnati.....	6 25
Clay, Ladies.....	9 50
Cleveland, Welsh.....	5 00
College Springs.....	5 50
Corning.....	10 00
Creston, Pilgrim.....	15 45
Danville.....	31 25
Davenport, S. S.....	5 00
Decorah.....	41 00
Denmark, \$20; Ladies, \$9.30.....	29 30
Des Moines, Plymouth, Ladies.....	13 64
Dubuque, Ladies, \$50; S. S., \$7.25.....	57 25
Durant, F. Lawson.....	2 00
Eagle Grove.....	2 50
Eldon.....	7 00
Extra.....	10 00
Fairfield, Ladies.....	6 90
Fayette.....	15 00
Fort Atkinson, German.....	10 00
Fort Dodge, \$92.12; S. S., \$4.50.....	96 62
Genoa Bluffs.....	5 50
Glasgow.....	3 55
Grant.....	4 85
Grinnell, Ladies, \$51.81; T. O. Douglass, \$10; H. M. Sheels, \$5.....	66 81
Harlan.....	7 43
Iowa Falls.....	18 39
Keokuk, Swede.....	3 50
Lake Side.....	6 25

Lamaille, Mrs. L. J. Cray.....	50
Lyons, Ladies.....	24 37
Mason City.....	43 15
McGregor, Ladies.....	11 05
Miles, Ladies.....	5 00
Millford.....	36 30
Mitchellville, J. G. Sabin.....	5 00
Monona.....	8 50
Montour, Ladies.....	16 75
Muscataine, German.....	17 00
Nashua.....	7 50
New Hampton.....	1 00
Newton.....	11 00
New York.....	70 60
Nora Springs.....	26 20
Norwich, Vt., Mrs. H. M. Stuart.....	5 00
Northwood.....	7 75
Oakland.....	6 40
Ocheydan.....	11 41
Osage, \$46.66; Ladies, \$6.....	52 66
Owen.....	15 00
Perry, \$18; J. G. Alkman, \$5.....	18 00
Pringhar.....	11 44
Red Oak, \$117.19; A. M. Beman, \$5.....	122 19
Rockford.....	11 52
Sale of Tent Seats.....	36 00
Sabula.....	4 50
Sheldon, H. P. Holyoke.....	1 00
Sherrill's Mound.....	7 25
Silver Creek.....	29 50
Sioux City, Ladies.....	10 82
Sloan, S. S.....	54
Soldin Run.....	27 25
Strawberry Point.....	29 10
Stuart, Ladies.....	26 54
Sweetland, S. C. Kolby.....	5 00
Sunday-schools.....	2 63
Talmage.....	22 14
Union.....	10 00
Vanclure.....	2 00
Wentworth, Ladies.....	5 00
Webster City.....	6 00
Wittsburg.....	2 80

\$1,611 37**WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.**

Previously acknowledged.....	\$9,044 13
Arizona, Prescott.....	100 00
Connecticut, Fairfield, \$18.28; Hartford, \$100; Huntington, \$7.10; Pomfret, \$35; W. H. M. U., \$100.....	230 38
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Illinois, Chicago.....	100 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$100; Groton, \$100; Spencer, \$35.....	225 00
Maine, Bath.....	259 00
Michigan, Alba.....	8 18
New Hampshire, Warner.....	11 31
New Jersey, Chester.....	56 80
New York, Brooklyn, \$100.70; Orient, \$25.....	125 70
South Dakota, Yankton.....	50 56

\$10,269 20**YOUNG LADIES' SWEDISH FUND.**

Previously acknowledged.....	\$15 00
Massachusetts, Whitman.....	4 75

\$19 75

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CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged and appropriated.....	\$2,064 91
Mass. H. M. Soc.....	60 43

\$2,725 34

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Treasurer, Miss Virginia Holmes, Barnesville.

Missionary Boxes.

For many years the ladies of our churches have helped this Society and cheered the homes of its missionaries, with boxes of clothing and other useful articles. The continuance of these favors is earnestly solicited. To secure satisfactory preparation and just distribution, attention is invited to the following suggestions:

1. Apply to the Secretaries to designate a family needing such assistance, and state, if practicable, how soon a box will probably be sent.
2. If a family is selected without applying to the Secretaries, notify them without delay, so as to guard against a duplication of gifts.
3. If several months should elapse before the box is ready to be sent, ascertain from the Secretaries, whether the missionary's address remains as previously given.
4. Mark the box plainly and indelibly, fasten it securely, and forward it to the missionary, not by express, but by a Forwarding Company, if practicable; otherwise as "fast freight," by railroad, taking two receipts from the Company.
5. Write to the missionary, inclosing one of these receipts, a list of the articles sent in the box, and the money, \$2, \$3, or \$4, according to weight and distance, for the payment of *freight* (if it cannot be prepaid). Mention, also, the name of the person to whom a letter of acknowledgment should be addressed.
6. Report to the Secretaries the forwarding of the box, its estimated value, and the amount sent for *freight*, in order that the donation may be acknowledged in THE HOME MISSIONARY.
7. If a box has been prepared, not for a specified family, but to be assigned by the Secretaries, put into it a list of its contents, the name of the association, or individual from whom it comes, and the address of the person to whom the missionary may send his letter of acknowledgment.
8. Mark the box, "American Home Missionary Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York," adding the name of the place from which it comes.
9. Write to the Secretaries, inclosing money for freight, and stating the time when and the line by which the box was sent, its estimated value, and giving a list of contents to guide in the assignment of the box. Be careful to state the *size* of each adult, and the *age* and *sex* of each child for whom the clothing is intended, as boxes are not opened at the office.

10. These donations are not deducted from the grants of the Society. It needs the same amount of money, therefore, in order to fulfill its stipulations with its missionaries, as if no such gifts were provided; and we trust the friends of Home Missions will not withhold or diminish their contributions of money in consequence of their giving other things that are useful.

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....Rom. x. 15.

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WORK IN THE SIXTY-SECOND YEAR.

APRIL 1, 1887, TO MARCH 31, 1888.

REGULAR Cash Receipts,	\$548,729.87
Regular Cash Payments,	511,641.86
Gratuitous Supplies to Missionaries, received and appropriated,	67,259.00
Number of Home Missionaries in service in 42 States and Territories,	1,584

Of these, in New England, **387**; Middle States, **110**; Southern States, **40**; Southwestern States, **104**; Western States and Territories, **848**; on the Pacific Coast, **131**.

Preached to congregations of Scandinavians, **45**; Germans, **35**; Welsh, **26**; Bohemians, **23**; Frenchmen, **6**; Colored people, **5**; Mexicans, **3**; Indians, **2**; Chinese, **2**; Danes, **1**; Spaniards, **1**.

Churches and Stations <i>regularly</i> supplied,	3,084
Stations supplied <i>occasionally</i> , more than	1,000
New Churches organized,	130
Churches brought to self-support,	59
Hopeful Conversions reported,	8,120
Additions to Aided Churches: On Confession, 6,310 ; by Letter, 3,702 ,	10,012
Houses of Worship and Chapels built,	131
Parsonages built,	33
Young Men in aided churches preparing for the Ministry,	87
Sunday-schools organized,	288
Scholars taught in them,	129,462

WORK IN SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

ENDING MARCH 31, 1888.

THE Society began its work in 1826, with 169 missionaries, of whom 129 wrought in the Middle States, 33 in the Western, 5 in the Southern, 1 in New England, and 1 in Canada, where the work was transferred, in 1844, to the British Colonial Missionary Society. The gain has been gradual and fairly steady, save for the total cessation of work at the South in the years 1859-1865 and its later rise there so rapid as to employ 123 missionaries in 1885, (now 144).

The first missionaries were sent to Wisconsin and Iowa, in 1835; to Oregon, in 1846; California and Minnesota, in 1849; Kansas, 1854; Nebraska, 1855; Colorado, 1863; Utah, 1865; Dakota, 1867; Washington Territory, 1870; Nevada and Idaho, 1871; Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, 1881.

In these sixty-two years the regular cash outlay has been \$12,135,-422.07; extra supplies received and appropriated, more than \$1,100,000. Years of labor performed, 42,149. Additions to aided churches, 355,985. Churches organized (of which many were, and some are Presbyterian), 4,951; brought to self-support, 2,430.

 THE TREASURY.

The receipts of the general Treasury in January were \$39,845.57; of which from contributions, \$39,020.25, from legacies, \$825.32. This makes the receipts in ten months of the fiscal year, \$245,545.57—of which from contributors, \$203,984.25; from legacies, \$41,561.32; showing, as compared with the same months of 1888, a gain of \$2,919 in contributions, and a loss of \$59,560 in legacies. The Society is still owing borrowed money, amounting to \$85,000, and several thousand dollars more are due to missionaries for labor reported on January 1st and since. The receipts from living givers during the last month (\$39,020) exceeded those in January, 1888, by \$16,000. This, with over \$5,000 received in this first week of February, shows a decided awakening of the friends of Home Missions to the needs of the work. But the annual income from legacies in January, 1888, amounted to \$31,227, as against only \$825 in January, 1889. Nor has another month given us reason to expect a large increase of legacy receipts in February and March.

With these facts before them, our friends will see that there is but one way in which the year can be closed without a burdensome, disheartening debt, casting a dark cloud over the plans

of work for the following year. The "one way" is this: such an unusually earnest effort of the churches and individual friends as, beside meeting the current payments to missionaries, shall make good this large deficiency in the receipts from legacies. This unusual effort is precisely the thing which the conductors of the work now ask of its friends all over the land. That the sum, though large, can surely be raised before the last day of March, no one who knows the ability of the Congregational churches will for a moment doubt. Nor should there be a moment's doubt of their willingness at once to come to the Society's help in this emergency. Will not every pastor, and all the friends who have the prosperity of this work at heart do their utmost in its behalf before the 31st of March? The last few months have brought very many gifts from those of limited means, showing the strong hold which the cause has on the hearts of the people. But all can see that these cannot be relied on to meet alone the present need. May not those whom the Lord has made stewards of large wealth hear His call for a generous investment of that which is His own?

And we specially invite pastors whose people have not yet done their very best for the cause, to set apart Sunday, the 17th of March, for a special collection for this object. Some have already promised to do so. We wait to hear from many others, whom we will engage to supply with such material as may help them to make the day one to be remembered for an effort most honorable to God's people and bringing glory to His name.

THE special collection of \$700 taken up by the First Church of Oberlin for our debt, and gratefully acknowledged in the January number of *The Home Missionary*, has been followed by a similar contribution of \$900 from the Second Church of that goodly college town. No small part of these two sums was contributed by young men and women who are struggling for an education and who denied themselves many little pleasures and comforts in order to make the gift. May they be abundantly rewarded from on high, and may their example of self-sacrifice be widely followed.

A HIGHLY esteemed donor in sending his check for \$25 toward the debt of the Society, says: "I want to ask you to say something editorially on the question whether money is spent on churches in towns where there are other churches that would meet the need, when it should go to destitute localities."

We are glad to assure our friend, and all others who may be asking the same question, that no subject receives more careful and prayerful consideration in the Society than this. The utmost vigilance is used, both by Superintendents and Committees on the field, and also at the missionary rooms, to put every Home Missionary dollar where it will do the most possible, not simply for the building up of a denomination, but for the spread among the destitute of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

THE sudden death of Mr. J. C. Emery, of Montpelier, Vt., left vacant the treasurership of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society and of the General Convention of the Congregational Ministers and Churches of the State. The directors of the Missionary Society have filled the vacancy in that body by the appointment of Mr. Theron M. Howard, of St. Johnsbury, as treasurer.

PRESIDENT S. C. Bartlett, D.D. in a recent letter to "The Congregationalist" says: "It is a great pity the American Home Missionary Society in its embarrassment has felt constrained to order a curtailment of its operations here. For now is the time to act in Southern California. Where is there another Daniel Hand to give a million dollars to the Home Missionary Society."

REV. A. J. DRAKE, and Mrs. Drake, of Iroquois, Dak., ask that friends who are so generously supplying them with clothing for distribution, will in future send such gifts to Superintendent H. D. Wiard, Mitchell, Dak. A blessed work of grace is in progress at Esmond, now under the care of Rev. H. L. Swim. Over forty have already confessed Christ, and the meetings are still continued.

A SMALL SARATOGA MEETING was held in Stockbridge, Mass, on Jan. 15. It was called a "Fellowship Meeting," and included all the Congregational Churches of Berkshire South Conference. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. L. S. Rowland, D.D. Bible Reading, "Every Christian a Missionary," was conducted by Rev. R. D. Mallery, followed by a discussion. Rev. P. T. Farwell conducted a praise service, and Revs. Joshua Coit and W. G. Puddefoot gave Home Missionary addresses. The people provided themselves with a Basket Lunch, and enjoyed an all-day meeting.

"Why," asks a pastor, "isn't this plan worth commending to the churches generally? We have local conventions of other societies. We believe that local Home Missionary Conventions, or 'Fellowship Meetings' would be a great help in this cause also."

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HOME MISSIONS,¹

BY REV. W. T. HUTCHINS.

"SARATOGA, June 7, 1888.

"*Resolved*, That we have listened with profound interest to the paper of Secretary Clark, entitled, 'A Crisis in Home Missions'; that we appreciate the seriousness of the crisis he describes; that we indorse the appeal he makes for an advance of \$100,000 as the least that will be at all adequate to the emergency; and that we pledge ourselves, as much as in us lies, to co-operate with the management of the American Home Missionary Society in securing the money needed."

THAT is my text. It is the voice of the church speaking, as I believe, by the Holy Ghost.

We have had Dr. Strong's book, and the mention of it is enough to set the whole problem of Home Missions before us. I am going to write *ne plus ultra* over the title of that book, and lay it away on the shelf. I went to the Saratoga meeting last June with my ear and heart strung for just one thing: I wanted a clarion note like Caleb's, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." I craved that glad, hopeful, eager tone which meant faith; which would lift every man's soul as the knights of old unsheathed their swords for the crusade; which would send the word, "Advance!" from mouth to mouth, reiterated and echoed along the whole line. Before we put Dr. Strong's book away, let us write something else over its title-page. Write, "God's Opportunity;" call it, "The Report of Caleb and Joshua in 1888." And while we are writing, an invisible hand will also write another title, which time shall make distinct, if our faith fail us, even the ominous words, "The Sin of Unbelief."

As avalanche after avalanche of startling home missionary statistics and formidable figures are sent tumbling down on us, I just seek refuge in the thought that when Jesus came into the world he found a chaos of wickedness compared with which even the worst aspect of our country to-day is but a ripple on the ocean.

When the Lord Jesus looks down and sees Christians spinning out fine doctrinal theories of things unrevealed; gathering a few nice, well-bred children into the church; magnifying little differences into great disputes, he says to us, "Here! I will give you something worthy of your faith and that shall test my Gospel." What does he do? He suddenly opens before us a great West with a saloon power two and a half times greater than in the East; and with a socialism that grows like a weed in the barnyard. He sends a flood of immigration pouring into our Atlantic gates faster than cars can be made to transport it. And no sooner do these foreign elements begin to show up in our national life than we find they are hydra-heads of anarchy, atheism, and the worst form of absolutism. And then with our own Mammonism, Mormonism, and

¹ Given at the Tolland County Conference of Churches at Rockville, Ct., Oct. 1888.

Materialism ready either to join forces with these imported evils, or to add to the chaos of a country that grows too fast for law and order and religion, we have arrayed before us the Satanic hosts which the new Michael is to meet. Hail, divine captain ! My sympathies are not with those who fear. My soul relishes the prospect, and prays for a place and a part in this grand fight. The old Pauline gospel was enough for heathenism once, and it will Christianize America now. I feel in these days a new atmosphere of hope and courage. It is grand to live. I bless the Lord that our churches have business before them that will make them hungry for solid food ; that we are called away from our conventional trivialities, away from our surfeit of soft preaching ; and the Master who leads the hosts, is to teach us again that nothing but that Gospel which came with awful warning and with melting love ; nothing but that Gospel which sets up the cross for men to live or die by ; nothing but that Gospel which declares eternal life or eternal punishment, shall convert and save America. The real danger is not from these children of Anak who confront us so terribly, but right here in New England the thing that troubles Israel most is the fact that our churches are dying for the want of something that with startling aspect shall draw us out of ourselves. The salvation of New England is to advance now and boldly meet the giants that are in the land. It is a serious question whether New England is to be turned back into the wilderness of her speculations and die with the unpardonable sin on her heart. I stand and bless the Lord that to-day he is setting squarely before us these two things to choose between. This Home Missionary problem is our Canaan.

If I were an Old Testament prophet I couldn't be surer that the one all-predominating duty of to-day is to preach Home Missions, pray for Home Missions ; advance for very self-preservation to the martial note of Home Missions. Our missions in China will have to be given up if we do not assert the Christian voice of this land for the Chinese here ; and in a hundred ways we can see that Foreign Missions are hanging in the balance to-day waiting to see what Christians will do at home. I believe that the only condition on which good can be prophesied to-day for New England is that she shall keep close to her Calebs and Joshuas, and make it her supreme business to possess this land for Christ.

My object to-day is two-fold : first, to echo the call to advance, and second, to suggest a practical plan for securing large results in clean cash.

We have all heard many a big booming sunrise gun fired in the interest of Home Missions ; but the effect of them lasts just about long enough to get in one good collection. I want to put powder enough to-day into the first part to send the plan I shall suggest to the *farthest corner* of Tolland County. There is no reason why this conference of churches and pastors should not be converted to-day, right here,

this hour, this moment, and make that Saratoga resolution to advance, their profound duty and glad opportunity, and inaugurate a system of benevolence which shall have every pastor's heartiest effort, and every church's earnest co-operation ; and which shall double the contributions to all our large Societies from this time on. The perfect plan is simply one which gets what there is to be got—every dime and dollar ; which does not allow the dollar to lie as a cankerous curse for the lack of a good Christian appeal, and does not miss a dime for the want of a plan that reaches everybody.

I get up in my pulpit and blame folks for not giving ten cents, when way off in the corner of my parish there is ten cents waiting for some adequate system which shall be sure to find it. My Master charges me to see that that ten cents is brought out and speeded on its mission. The Rockville groceryman will go to Ellington to carry a two-cent yeast cake. I'm going in for a system that can find a cent if it's within four miles ; and that will make a rich man give fifty dollars when he only intended to give twenty-five.

To be continued.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—VII.

REV. CLARENDON MUZZY SANDERS.

SUPERINTENDENT of Home Missions in COLORADO and WYOMING, was born in New Ipswich, N. H., July 18, 1834.

His parents were George Sanders and Caroline Muzzy, his mother being the great-grand daughter of Rev. Stephen Farrar, the first and much beloved minister of the Congregational Church of New Ipswich. He was educated at Appleton Academy, afterward spending some months at a private school in Concord, N. H. It was here that he one day received from the hands of an earnest Christian teacher a note containing this question :

“Has it ever occurred to you, that you ought to preach the Gospel?”

How much influence this simple question had upon his future life, who can tell?

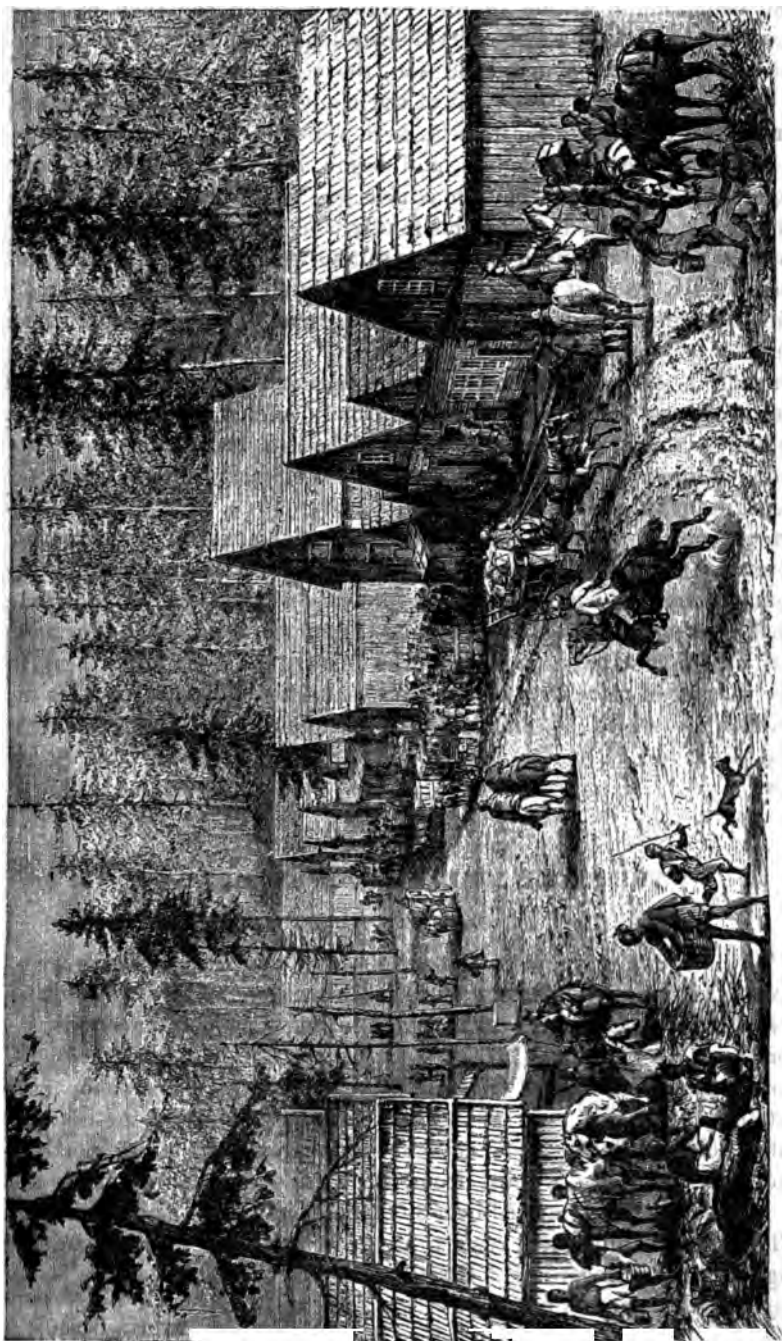
Mr. Sanders served as a clerk in the mercantile business, first at New Ipswich, and afterward at Boston. Soon after going to Boston he became a member of the Pine Street Church, then under the care of Rev. Dr. Dexter. Went to Concord, N. H., in 1854, to engage in business with his father, and was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Davis of Boston, February 14th, 1856. Removed his church relation to South Church, Concord, then under the care of Rev. Dr. Parker, now Prof. Parker of Dartmouth College. Became associated with a band of young earnest *Christian workers*, who held cottage prayer-meetings, and engaged in

city mission work. It was here that he first developed a special fitness for missionary work. In June, 1863, the Boston City Mission Society applied to him for help, and after mature deliberation he decided to enter upon that work, in connection with the Berkeley Street Congregational Church. He was licensed by that church, approved by the late Dr. Kirk, and, after securing a room in Carney Place, commenced preaching the Gospel to the masses.

At this time he felt a growing desire to fit himself for pastoral work; but with a wife and little girl to support, and no means, how could it be accomplished? After patient and persistent effort, and with the advice and approval of Drs. Kirk, Dexter, and Bartlett, he obtained admission to the Union Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, defraying expenses by work with the Railroad Mission. By reason of the increased interest of, and consequent enlargement of this work, justice to both it and his Seminary course compelled him to decide between the two. After much prayer and consultation with the Professors, he was led to continue his studies, they enabling him to do so, by securing for him a position as a supply to some church in the vicinity of Chicago. In February, 1866, he commenced work at Lyonsville, and during the first four months supplied also the church at Lyons, now Riverside. While there received a pressing invitation to return to the Railroad Mission as pastor, with double the salary he then received. He graduated from the Seminary April 18, 1867, was ordained at Lyonsville the next day, removed his family thither, and continued serving that church until the close of the year. In July gave up work at Lyons, substituting Hinsdale, where he organized a church. During 1868 spent his whole time at Hinsdale. While there he was solicited to engage in a new and very promising enterprise in the city, but following what seemed to him the leadings of Providence, he declined the offer, and labored the first few months of 1869 at Mr. Moody's church, Chicago. Went to Indianapolis in the spring of 1869, organized the Mayflower Church, with eleven members, remaining until the autumn of 1870, at which time the church had increased to fifty-six members, twenty-eight of whom joined on profession of faith. Called to Waukegan, remaining until August, 1875, the church having increased from forty to one hundred and twelve.

AT WYOMING.

Mr. Sanders having declined an invitation to Cheyenne in 1874, was finally induced to reconsider that decision, which resulted in the severing of his pastoral relation with the church at Waukegan, and accepting the position of pastor of the Congregational Church at Cheyenne. This church had been well planted, the first pastor having been Rev. J. D. Davis, now missionary in Japan, succeeded by Rev. Josiah Strong, the author of "Our Country;" but the church had been closed for two years,



IN THE BEGINNING.

no one being found willing to undertake a work on the then extreme frontier, where wickedness of every description abounded. The church edifice was in a dilapidated condition, the parsonage, which had been built by Mr. Davis, had passed out of the hands of the church, the seventeen members composing the church were well-nigh discouraged, but he soon gathered them about him, and began his work with hope and courage. By degrees the church edifice was renovated, the parsonage bought back, and fitted up for his family, and things began to wear a brighter aspect, the church becoming self-supporting in 1879. In the course of a few years it was decided best to build a new church, which was finally accomplished, and pronounced by many the finest in all that region.

During his stay in Cheyenne, he was once and again solicited to go to Deadwood, as pastor of that church, but declined, choosing to continue his work among the people to whom he had become devotedly attached. While at Cheyenne he was appointed chaplain of the Wyoming Legislature for three successive terms.

In the spring of 1886, the matter of acceptance of the superintendency of the Rocky Mountain Department, for the American Home Missionary Society, which had been previously presented to him, but declined, was again pressed upon him. Circumstances seemed to render the call an imperative one, and again he felt that duty required him to sunder the ties of more than eleven years' standing, and take up this responsible work, which he commenced October 1st, 1886. Denver being a central point, he removed his family here January, 1887.—*Written by his mother.*

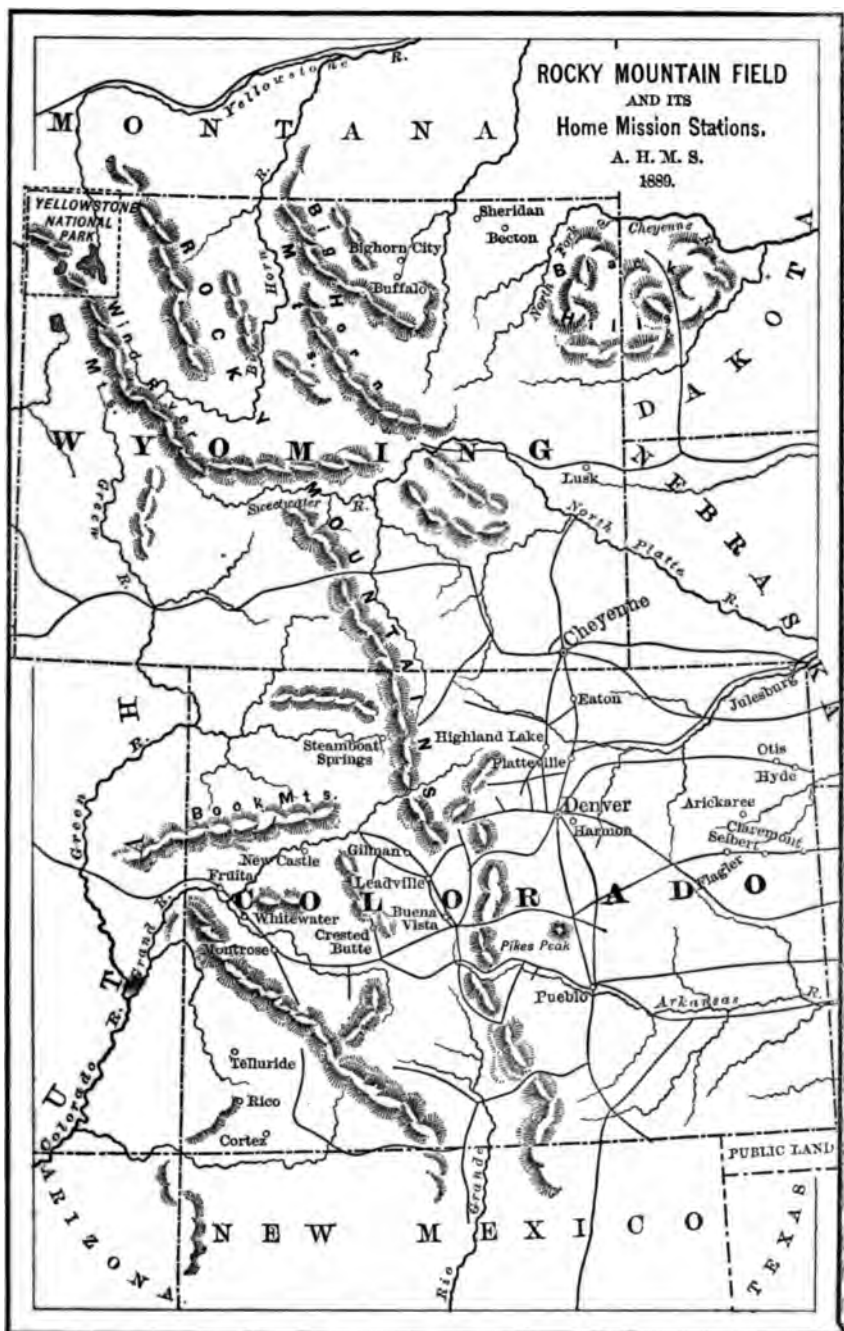
THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN DEPARTMENT.

BY REV. C. M. SANDERS, SUPERINTENDENT.

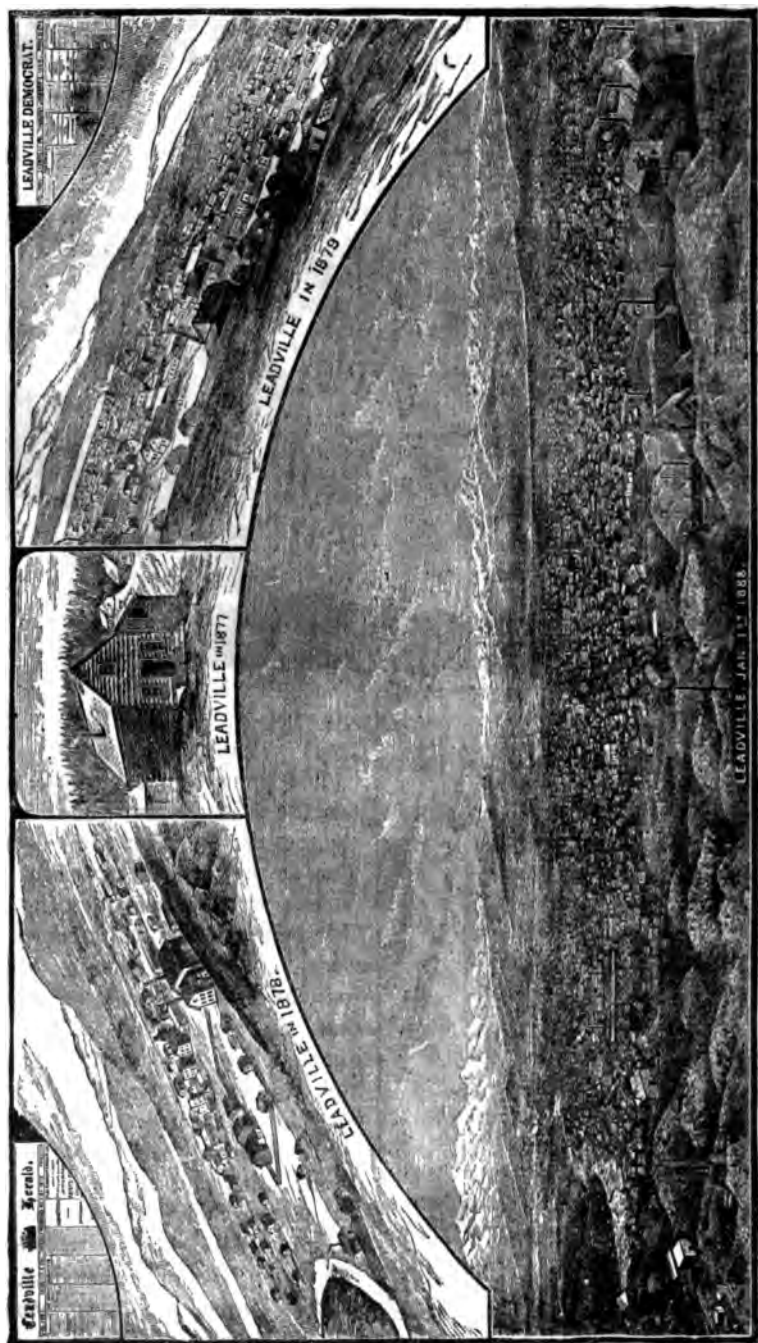
"THE Centennial State"—COLORADO—and the adjacent Territory of WYOMING accept with pleasure the kind invitation of *The Home Missionary* to present themselves for more intimate acquaintance with its readers.

Some conception of the length and breadth of this Department may be obtained from this fact: To attend the meeting of the Association recently held in Denver, one delegate came from 500 miles north, a second from 500 south, a third from 412 west, and a fourth from 120 east. These delegates traveled over 3,000 miles in coming and returning.

The wife of a prominent eastern pastor wrote to the Superintendent, asking for a letter regarding "Strategic Points of the *Far West*,"—referring to Colorado,—to be read at their home missionary meeting. It is not generally realized that the eastern border of Colorado is only a few



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A USEFUL LIFE.

A DEVOTED missionary of this Society, the Rev. Daniel E. Hathaway, died recently in Crete, Neb. There was nothing in his life that calls, perhaps, for special mention, except that in a marked degree he was typical of a large class of devoted laborers on home mission fields. Brother Hathaway was a plain man in appearance, in address, in ability, and in attainments. He had not the brilliancy that attracts large audiences, or the "staying" qualities that insure long pastorates. But he was a man of good mind, of fair average scholarship, and thoroughly consecrated to Christ and to his work. His preaching was of the revival stamp and he was earnestly devoted to the beneficent reforms of the day. He was not afraid to speak the whole truth in love, and his supreme aim in every field that he undertook was the salvation of souls. It is not surprising, therefore, that religious awakenings attended his labors.

One of his college classmates, who was privileged to be present at his burial, sends to a friend the following brief record of his work:

"Wadsworth, O., six years, church increased from twenty-nine to seventy-three; Chelsea, Mich., two years, church increased from ninety-two to one hundred and fifty-three, and one hundred conversions; Allegan, Mich., no special results; Russell, Kan., one and one half years; organized church at Buffalo Park; La Fayette, N. Y., increase forty; Chenango Forks, N. Y., revival but no record of results; Sydney Plains, increase forty; East Guilford, N. Y., increase twenty-three; De Witt, Neb., two years, church debt paid, church tower built, Plymouth Church brought to self-support; organized church at Kilpatrick's with twenty-nine members, the majority of whom were new converts. His whole ministerial life was twenty years. His temperance record was good. He was prominent in helping to close all the saloons in Russell Co., Kan., and Fairville, La Fayette, and Chenango Forks, N. Y. He held thirty-nine protracted meetings, was pastor of twenty churches, most of the time two together, and sometimes three. Hardly any intervals between his pastorates, usually without loss of a Sabbath."

The classmate who furnishes these facts says, "This is a good record." So, we think, the Master will say at the last. It was not a showy life. But who can estimate the blessed results of those twenty years of self-denying toil, both in this world and in eternity? The work of just such men is the hope of our land.

Brother Hathaway died of consumption after a long illness. He located his family in Crete, Neb., selected the spot for his grave, and passed away without pain.

"A useful life, a peaceful end,
And heaven to crown it all."

HOW I BECAME A HOME MISSIONARY—II.


“Oh, to Grace how great a debtor!”

AND what a subject for Grace to conquer! How well I remember that even those wicked men would tremble when I dared God to kill me, to convince them there was no God. They threatened to leave me if I did not quit using such awful words. One day after this impious challenge before men, I went out of the shop door to challenge God. The stairs were of the ladder kind outside, and just as I was about to step down, a heavy last was thrown with great force at the door! I came near falling to the ground. My nerves gave way and I trembled violently, but such was my recklessness, that, after recovering myself, I went in and repeated my words.

As the years went by, I was married, and little children were given to us. I remember one little one dying, and how unmoved I was; and yet, though years have gone, I cannot think to-day of those little pinched features, and my tired, patient wife watching over the child, without tears.

Sometimes I sang in the choir of the Episcopal Church. After the anthem I would go behind the organ and read a novel, but I could find little food there.

One Sunday morning I was walking through the fields and dashing the dewdrops from the clover and enjoying my pipe. The birds were singing, the little brooklet kept up its quiet tune, and the great fleecy clouds sailed under the deep blue of the sky. “Ah!” I exclaimed “this is better than your old church.” “Yes,” said some voice within, “but what will you do if you live to be old?” The 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes ran through my mind. It put an end to my pleasure for I saw a black ending even without a future state. I said to myself, “I wish to God I could believe!” and instantly, these words, as clearly as if spoken, came to me, “*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.*” I said, “I will try that, Paul!” and at once wheeled about and started for home, brushed up and put on my best clothes, and off I went to a little Methodist church that held an afternoon service. I was asked to come into the choir during the singing of the hymn. It was one of my mother’s old favorites. How it took hold of me! In the evening I went to the Wesleyan chapel and sang there too, and for three years I attended church three times on Sunday without missing once. Sometimes, especially in the evening after singing an anthem that had touched my heart, I would seat myself by the window where I could see the setting sun. Below me was a river, with rushes on its banks. The sun would sometimes make the water look like burnished gold; then the shadows would creep up, and the deeper tints would appear along the



edges, and here and there the river would light up like silver. I would watch the ducks putting their green black heads under their wings and there in perfect trust go to rest, and many a time I have exclaimed, "Would I were a duck, or even a frog in the marsh! Would I were *anything* but a conscious human being!"

To be continued.

WORDS OF CHEER.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.—Our work here in Walla Walla is deepening in interest. There is an evident increase in spirituality in the church and among our young people.—*Rev. E. R. Loomis.*

DAKOTA.—We are just now greatly rejoiced over a revival at Esmond, where meetings have been in progress under the pastor for four weeks and at least forty have found Christ.—*Rev. A. J. Drake.*

NEBRASKA.—A work of grace has been manifested in our meetings at Stockham. This church is at present in a very hopeful condition. Will you remember me and my work in your prayers?—*Rev. Gottlieb Schnerle, Sutton.*

WISCONSIN.—This has been a season of hard work and great rejoicing. We have had help from lay-workers, and many have chosen the better part. We have not hastened the matter of joining the church, but we have received fourteen, and there are others to come next communion—and others still to follow.—*Rev. W. J. Warner, Clear Lake.*

NEVADA.—Held special evangelistic services for about twenty evenings. Some interest in personal salvation was manifested. Several expressed themselves desirous of obtaining peace with God through Jesus Christ. I believe the benefit arising to the church as a whole from these meetings has been incalculably great, and it is my hope that the church is entering upon an era of great spiritual prosperity.—*Rev. T. Magill, Reno.*

DAKOTA.—We began special work at Yankton, November 13. Most excellent preparation had been made by the pastor, Rev. D. F. Bradley, and the work was productive of much good. The visible results were very gratifying. The Holy Spirit was with us in much power unto the salvation of many souls. Truly "the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear." More than fifty adults have manifested personal interest in salvation and asked the prayers of Christian people, thirty of whom have professed Christ as their Savior from sin. Quite a gracious work is going on among the youth of the church and Sunday-school, and many have been led to accept Christ. The good work is still going on and we must wait for full results as far as numbers can show, and eternity for the rest. We pray and labor for a rich gleanings.—*Rev. D. R. Tomlin, Redfield.*

A MISSIONARY PICTURE.

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

[The Episcopal Recorder.]

856,000,000 heathen.

Collections for missions, \$8.67.
 "Best that we can do on account of
 home expenses."
 "He must decrease."

Collection for Freedmen in the South,
 \$8.99.
 "We have no money."

Gospel according to St. Matthew,
 "Go ye therefore and teach all na-
 tions." St. Mark, "Go ye into all the
 world and preach the Gospel to every
 creature."

"The silver and the gold is mine,
 and the cattle upon a thousand hills."
 "Give and it shall be given unto you."

"Go out quickly into the streets and
 lanes of the city, and bring in hither
 the poor, and the maimed, and the
 halt, and the blind."

"Fly abroad, thou mighty Gospel."

"Upon the first day of the week let
 every one of you lay by him in store,
 as God hath prospered him."

"I determined not to know anything
 among you, save Jesus Christ and Him
 crucified. . . That your faith should
 not stand in the wisdom of men but in
 the power of God."

"Not many wise men after the flesh,
 not many mighty, not many noble, are
 called."

"I am meek and lowly."

27,000,000 Protestants.

\$15,000, collection for our new
 steeple.
 "We must hold up the cross (on the
 steeple)."
 "We must increase."

\$10,000 for new organ. Paid choir.
 Sermon on Macbeth. "We must push
 ahead."

Gospel according to Bro. Jones,
 "The Lord never intended that the
 heathen should be converted, or He
 would have done it."

"Let the missionaries live on faith.
 Lord, keep them humble, and we'll
 keep them poor."

Notice. None but respectable sin-
 ners admitted into this church. Pews,
 \$200. Let the poor join the Salvation
 Army.

Magnificent churches, but heavily in
 debt, and very expensive to run.

Church fairs, suppers, lectures, and
 many other devices.

"If we don't entertain the people
 they will leave us." Sacred concerts,
 sacred tableaux, dancing, etc., etc.

We need wealth in our churches to
 make them successful. Let the minis-
 ters preach over the heads of the poor
 to attract a few of the wealthy.

If we do not have fine churches, the
 rich will not come.

"THE SOUTHERN CONGREGATIONALIST."

A UNION of more than usual significance was consummated last February at Atlanta, Georgia. The contracting parties were the "Congregational Methodists," the "Free Methodist Protestants," in all about sixty churches, and four Congregational churches of Atlanta. Florida, through her delegates, was present to extend congratulations and assurances of support. In all good work there is a "next," and the "next" in this case is

THE SOUTHERN CONGREGATIONALIST,

a new Congregational journal of the South, which has been started to cement even more firmly this union, and also to further the interests of Southern Congregational churches. A still more important mission of this newspaper is to enlighten the South as to the simple creed, and life-giving principles of "The New Testament Church;" and its motto, "Through love be ye servants one to another," is in full sympathy with the spirit of Christ. While the leaders of this new movement are actuated by such a spirit, we may look for God's blessing upon the effort.

"The Southern Congregationalist" is to be an eight-page paper, furnished to subscribers at the low price of one dollar a year, in advance. Its list of contributors gives promise of material worth many times the cost.

THE SILVER LINING.

DAKOTA.

THE Lord seems to urge us all to take a little extra lift at Home Missions just now.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

I SEND an extra of \$50 to help pay the amount due on salaries of your missionaries.

CONNECTICUT.

THE last *Home Missionary* brings sad news! Enclosed please find \$5 toward the debt. I wish it were many times larger.

VERMONT.

PLEASE find inclosed \$5 for the dear Home Missionary Society, whose distress I feel. It is a thank-offering that I can unexpectedly do it.

MASSACHUSETTS.

YOU will find within a check for \$100, a thank-offering. It is but a small portion of a large debt, sent for the Master's sake.

PENNSYLVANIA.

INCLOSED please find \$20 from our Church; our second contribution his year. I hope this will help pay up honest debts, so that the missionaries will get what is their due on time.

ALABAMA.

WITH our love I send you \$10, hoping before the year closes to send \$50 more. May good men be as willing to give their money as others are to give their lives to the good work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

PLEASE find inclosed a check for \$10 for the Home Missionary Society, only a "drop in the bucket." \$12,000,000 for an Industrial School in Philadelphia! Well, the Lord knows he has the silver and gold at his command!

MASSACHUSETTS.

WHAT happiness can compare with the joy of helping to advance the cause of our Lord! We, as a family, are every year cutting each other off with fewer holiday presents, that we may put more money into the blessed work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

SOME time since I promised you \$500 provided an extra \$100,000 was raised this year for the American Home Missionary Society. Believing that it WILL be raised, and noting your immediate need of money, I remit now. Wish I could do more for you.

MINNESOTA.

I ASKED our people to take up a special collection last Sabbath, both in Church and Sunday-school, for the debt of the American Home Missionary Society. The Sunday-school collection, about \$3.30, came mostly from children who had earned every cent of it. Please take \$5 from my last quarter's salary for the debt.

MICHIGAN.

I REJOICE that the officers of the dear Home Missionary Society had the good courage springing from faith to pay the missionary when due, even at the painful expedient of borrowing. May the good Lord who still stands in sight of the Treasury, see his people cast in enough to render borrowing uncalled for. Please find inclosed check for \$100.

NEW YORK.

INCLOSED please find a "mite" indeed toward the thousands now demanded of Christians to keep up the Christly work of sending messages of His love to the masses in our country who know nothing of its depth and height. If only every subscriber to "The Christian Union" would respond to the statement of facts announced in a recent number, *this great and most important work would not come to a stand-still.*

FLORIDA.

YOU have my hearty sympathy over the debt. That word ought to be a SLANDER in Home Missions. But the churches love the Home Missionary Society, and will meet the exigency. If I could be pastor of a large, rich church again, wouldn't I preach Home Missions? But perhaps this frontier work is better, since one has but one life to live. *God* knows the needs of the frontier, if rich churches do not yet comprehend them.

MASSACHUSETTS.

I HAVE just been reading about your urgent need of funds. I had planned to send you \$100 on my birthday, which does not come until next month. As I am very feeble, and may not live to see that day, and your wants seem so pressing, I have decided to send that sum now. I hope you may be favored with generous contributions to this good cause, and so be relieved from this harrowing anxiety in carrying on the work.

NEW YORK.

I SEND you \$2, feeling it is a small offering when we look at a debt of \$100,000; but it is the "widow's mite," and I pray the Lord to open the heart of some living "Hand," as He did a few weeks since, so that our home work may not cease. I feel this strongly now, for I have been where for the last three years drought has cut off the fruits of the earth, and help is needed more than ever before.

OHIO.

INCLOSED please find a draft for \$60 for the Home Mission work of your Society. This is my first contribution to your Society, but I hope it will not be the last. There is not a Congregational church within forty miles of this place, and so I attend a Methodist church. I am anxious to do what I can to spread the light and truth in our land and in the world. May you not want for means to carry on your work.

ASIA.

The Home Missionary for March contains some thrilling paragraphs. Your pioneer home missionaries certainly suffer more in their work than some foreign missionaries do. Here in China we are in many ways especially fortunate, and in our field we have the best of China, perhaps, for comfortable homes, cheap provisions, and fair traveling accommodations. We have dust-storms like those of Northwest Kansas, but none of your terrible blizzards. Winter is too tolerable here; it would be better for us if it were a little colder.

CONNECTICUT.

INCLOSED find \$10. Wish I could send much more. My income is small; am past seventy-six, and, having been in the old "Liberty Guard" from the early days of the Anti-Slavery struggle, am greatly rejoiced

over the recent Republican victory. I am convinced that we owe it in a very great degree, if not entirely, to the indirect influence of the American Home Missionary Society. I have been praying that the Lord will open the heart of some one to send you a "million."

RHODE ISLAND.

At the commencement of this year, 1888, I asked the Lord to put into my hand a ten dollar gold piece for the American Home Missionary Society. This request was granted. A friend offered to give me six per cent. on this offering till called for, and I now forward it with interest. I wish it were at least ten times as much! But I believe God will put it into the heart of some one who has an abundance of this world's goods to give in this great need as many hundreds as I send units.

VERMONT.

I HAVE organized myself into a "Homeland Circle," and have one of your "Home Mission Mite Boxes," to which I have pledged a certain amount every Sunday morning. Last Sunday, when I opened my purse for the usual coin, I could find nothing but those representing much more than the amount pledged. I said to myself, "I won't make my usual contribution this morning, but will wait until I can get a coin *small enough* to give." Instantly there came before me the sorrowful face of my Lord, as He seemed to say, "Can you find nothing *small enough* to give me, who gave my LIFE for thee?" "God forgive me for such a *thought!*" I cried, and with penitent tears I put into the little box the largest coin I had. Since then I have had occasion to follow the same plan several times. Words cannot describe the blessing which is sure to follow.

IDAHO.

God forbid that the work of the American Home Missionary Society should come to a stand-still! Just think of it! Only two Congregational churches in Idaho. Atheism rampant. Professing Christians in too many instances practically dead. The missionary and his wife have to carry church and people on their hearts and shoulders. If the rich men of the East could once see the "Conflict of Heathenism" on our own frontiers, they would speedily put the \$100,000 needed into the treasury, yes, and several hundred thousand more as a nest-egg! I say, *see* the conflict, not *imagine* they see it. My life here forces upon me with increasing intensity the conviction that *the stability of our institutions depends upon the evangelization of these waste places*. In this place are 2,200 people. I cannot count twenty who confess to any vital interest in religion. I do not judge them. I state the cold fact. Do you wonder *that I tremble* lest the torch which we have lighted here in the name of *Christ go out*. because of the apathy of professing Christians?

SAYS a Minnesota Missionary, "At G. it was NOW OR NEVER with a weak church. Holding a week's meetings and planning for the coming of a pastor has opened a hopeful future for an important field. How this work among feeble churches does show results, by the favor of our Lord."

THE message from "A Sincere Friend" is received. May a kind, Heavenly Father bless and abundantly reward this unknown "Friend."—*Thayer, Missouri.*

OUR Home Missionary at Harrison, Michigan, Rev. Melvin C. Wood, died of typhoid fever Nov. 2, 1888. He was a graduate of Yale Seminary, class of '78. He had done good service at Athens and Leonidas before going to Harrison. He leaves a wife and two little boys. The bereaved family and the bereaved church at Harrison deserve sincere sympathy.

A BUSY MAN AND A FORTUNATE CHURCH.—New England Church of Chicago "built better than they knew," when they granted a partial use of their commodious Chapel on Sedgwick Street for work among Germans. For sixteen months Dr. G. A. Zimmermann has now had charge of it. Although he is Superintendent of German in the Public Schools of Chicago, has charge of the German Department in Chicago Seminary, and has recently undertaken the editorial charge of our German papers, he has yet found time to gather a congregation of his countrymen, and preaches to them every Sunday forenoon. His self-sacrificing work shows the following results in twelve months: A German Congregational Church numbering 54 members; regular average congregation 150 *adults*. Sunday school enrollment increased from 191 the first quarter to 365 the fourth quarter, and average attendance of 112 first quarter to 254 last quarter. This school is cared for by 23 officers and teachers, and constitutes a prophecy for a successful future for the Church.

A house of worship is now their great necessity. The people, though comparatively poor, are rallying with enthusiasm about their pastor eager to build a church home. And now, when all hopes for outside help seemed blasted, a well-to-do German has become interested, bought a suitable lot and grants them ample time and low interest to pay for it. The church has already raised \$1,500, and by the aid of German friends expects to increase it to \$4,000.

This is the beginning of what we trust will prove to be one of Chicago's saving spiritual forces.

THE SARATOGA MEETING.

As the time draws near for this missionary festival, one question is sure to agitate the mind of some conscientious giver, "Ought I to stay at home, and give the cost of the journey to the cause?" As a companion to this question we place another, "Which, in the end, is worth more to the cause,—the cost of the journey, or an intelligent comprehension of the work; a freshly kindled enthusiasm in it; an enrichment of the inner life; broader views of the field, through personal contact with the workers? Can I take home sufficient inspiration to influence others to an interest in the cause, who might otherwise remain indifferent?"

A word with those who have at heart the interests of our annual meeting at Saratoga in June:

1. Let us take time every day to pray for that meeting, that God's presence may there be manifested in unusual power.

2. Let us devise some method by which the Woman's Home Missionary Union or Organization of our State may send a delegate to this meeting. IT PAYS.

3. Let us persuade one friend, at least, who has never been, to attend the Convention this year.

4. Let us individually, or by combination, raise the means to send OUR PASTOR and his WIFE this year.

5. Let us give this same opportunity to a Home Missionary pastor and his wife.

6. At one of the meetings last June, a lady slipped a bill into the hand of one in the work, saying, "*This is God's Money.*" Let us select a place, *at once*, where we may begin to accumulate "God's Money" for some special need at Saratoga next June. We do not know what the Master's call may be this year, but let us be ready.

7. Let us make a special effort to direct all gifts from women into the treasuries of Woman's Societies, that we may know what WOMAN is doing in this grand work.

8. Glimpses of a Saratoga programme already in preparation indicate a feast of good things which we cannot afford to lose.

OVER eleven thousand dollars contributed by women to missionary salaries, and yet—no falling off in missionary boxes!

OUR readers will observe that the pages of RECEIPTS again crowd out all material prepared for the Woman's and Children's Departments—and *again we yield to the inevitable*—without regret, because of the CAUSE.

American College and Education Society.

REV. JOHN A. HAMILTON, D.D., *Secretary*.

REV. THEODORE Y. GARDNER, *Western Secretary*.

10 Congregational House, Boston.

JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., *Treasurer*.

[Money for the Society may be sent to JAMES M. GORDON, Esq., Treasurer, No. 10 Congregational House, Boston; or to REV. ALEXANDER H. CLAPP, D.D., 84 Bible House, New York.]

WHO SHALL RECRUIT MEN FOR THE MINISTRY? was earnestly asked at the Chicago Seminary Home Missionary Conference last December.

Ministers shall, of course. Soldiers recruit soldiers. Merchants, farmers, and lawyers constantly attract others to their ranks, and bring forth fruit each after his kind. One Ohio pastor recruited thirty-six ministers, including his son, in thirty-five years. If every pastor had done even half as well, there would now be no lack of ministers.

Parents may consecrate all their children to the Lord, and may faithfully pray Him to choose whom He will for this ministry. They may watch their children's growing gifts and speak a word in season. They may esteem their pastors very highly in love for their work's sake as ambassadors of Christ, and thus honor and make *attractive* to their sons the sacred office. How expect in the ministry, whose chief rewards are not of this world, sons of parents wholly bent on earthly good and showing no desire to lead their sons or others or to help them to become fishers of men? But if the parents of one hundred boys would *rather* have them ministers than millionaires, *some* of the one hundred will surely become good ministers.

College presidents and professors also have great opportunities to guide the young men into the ministry.

But above all, *pastors must recruit pastors*. They have a hold on both the young men and their parents. Of their own knowledge of the work, of its joys overtopping its trials and transforming them into blessings, of its vast need of men, now happily being widely published, of the sort of men needed and of the elements of promise in a boy, they can speak with authority and effect. They can *preach* oftener to both parents and sons upon the true, the *spiritual* glory of the ministry according to God's Word, upon Christ's world-wide commission, His command to pray for more laborers, His rewards one-hundredfold to His self-denying ministers, and all this *intensified* now by the marvelous openings in all nations to fields already white to the harvest and waiting and begging for reapers. They can strongly, yet wisely, urge parents to consecrate, and sons to choose.

Pastors also largely lead and direct young men to college. They can with discrimination suggest to many the ministry, remove hindrances, and open the way.

Appointments in January, 1889.

Not in Commission last year.

Alden, Edwin H., Bee Heights and Greenleaf, So. Dak.
 Alvord, Lawrence C., Escondido, Cal.
 Blanchard, Addison, Evangelist in Mich.
 Bradley, Nelson S., Jamestown and Spiritwood, No. Dak.
 Brown, Robert Roy, Wash. Ter.
 Cory, Empson, Washburn, Wis.
 Crater, George W., Badger, So. Dak.
 Decker, C. D., Fallsades, So. Dak.
 Demorest, W. L., Grand Island, Neb.
 Doty, Micajah, Glenview and Zion, So. Dak.
 Fairfield, George D., Manistee and Filer City, Mich.
 Hills, William S., Ulysses, Neb.
 Jones, Richard M., Old Forge, Penn.
 Kelly, John W., Athens and Anson, Mo.
 Lathwell, W. T., Inkster, No. Dak.
 Lewis, John, Detroit, Mich.
 Loomis, Charles W., Eagle River, Wis.
 Mead, Martin H., Claremont and Seibert, Col.
 Mechtersheimer, George, San Francisco, Cal.
 Meyer, J. H., Jersey City and vicinity, N. J.
 Newlove, Samuel, Michigan City, Petersburg, and Niagara, No. Dak.
 Paulu, Anten, Chicago, Ill.
 Ramser, J., Highland and Crete Sem., Neb.
 Richardson, Charles A., Maize and Colwich, Kan.
 Robbins, George, Teacher, Vinita, Indian Ter.
 Setter, Bernard B., Elizabeth, N. J.
 Severance, Charles N., Hutchinson, Kan.
 Stock, W., La Grange, Mo.
 Tracy, Alfred E., Ontario, Cal.
 Valle, Charles S., Nordhoff, Cal.
 Wakefield, J. A., Aurora, So. Dak.
 Water, C. B., Principal, Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Williams, William H., Marion, Ind.
 Williams, William T., Parsons, Penn.

Re-commissioned.

Allworth, William H., Memphis, Mich.
 Baker, George, West Ferndale, Semiahmoo, and Enterprise, Wash. Ter.
 Bergstrom, William, Athens and Spencer Brook, Minn.
 Bonnett, Louis M., Athol, Kan.
 Brereton, John, Kansas City, Mo.
 Bryngelson, Aug., Wood's Lake, Doctor's Lake, and Grantsburg, Wis.
 Calnow, John C., Cleburne, Tex.
 Campbell, James M., Grand Ledge, Mich.
 Carter, Eltjah, Dawson, Minn.
 Cheeseman, John M., Republic and Brookline, Mo.
 Curtis, Ethan, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Dada, William B., Coloma and Watervliet, Mich.
 Davenport, Isaac W., Newark, N. J.
 Davis, Albert A., Fosston, Minn.

Deakin, Samuel, Hay Springs, Neb.
 Edwards, Jonathan, Spokane Falls, Wash. Ter.
 Edwards, William, Graceville, Minn.
 Ellis, Walter M., Mayville, No. Dak.
 Emerson, Frederick C., Madison, Minn.
 Evans, John G., Nanticoke, Penn.
 Fellows, William W., Eureka Springs, Ark.
 Hancock, Joseph J., Luak, Wyo.
 Harrison, James K., Santa Rosa, Cal.
 Hawley, F. V., Batavia and South Union, Mich.
 Hess, Carl, Davenport, Iowa.
 Hicks, William H., McAllister, Caddo, Lehigh, and Durant, Ind. Ter.
 Hodges, John G., Fremont, Mich.
 Hull, Irvine T., Talmage, Neb.
 Huntington, John C., Pelican Rapids, Minn.
 Hurlbut, Henry C., Kendall, Mich.
 Jones, Abraham, Blossburg and Charleston, Pa.
 Keeler, John W., Chenango Forks, N. Y.
 Kelsey, Mead A., Hart, Mich.
 Kennedy, Albert E., Rico, Col.
 Kingsbury, Lucius, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.
 Latham, Ernest R., West Branch, Mich.
 Lewis, Thomas G., Butte City, Mon.
 Lindsay, George, Coupeville, Wash. Ter.
 Lundquist, Carl G., Manistee, Wingleton, Chase, and Big Rapids, Mich.
 McConaughy, Frank, North Yakima and Atahnam, Wash. Ter.
 McCracken, William, Sharpsburg, Penn.
 Marlow, Richard T., Iberia and Unity, Mo.
 Minich, Daniel H., Arickaree City, Col.
 Minnie, Thomas W., Wichita, Kan.
 Murphy, Thomas F., Cumberland, Wis.
 Norris, Austin H., Ithaca, Mich.
 Page, William D., Curtis, Neb.
 Parsons, Robert, Newport, Mich.
 Pomeroy, Miss Anna, Teacher, Siloam Springs, Ark.
 Powell, Richard, Coal Dale, Pa.
 Ricker, George S., Evangelist in Mo.
 Sabin, Levi P., Elk Point, So. Dak.
 Shanton, Ira A., Athol, So. Dak.
 Smith, David O., Campbell, and Bladen, Neb.
 Snell, William W., Saticoy, Cal.
 Soper, George E., Rochester, N. Y.
 Storer, Frederick A. S., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Stevenson, William D. J., Willow Valley and Lake Side, Neb.
 Taylor, Charles B., Ravenna, Neb.
 Tibbits, Jackson, Line of Lake Shore and Western R. R., Wis.
 Trandt, Adam, Lincoln, Neb.
 Travers, Robert M., Leigh, Neb.
 Valentine, Fletcher A., New Village and Farmingville, N. Y.
 Waterman, Alfred T., Bancroft, Mich.
 Wherland, James D., Welsh, La.
 Wirt, David, Medical Lake, Wash. Ter.
 Wurtschmidt, August, Milwaukee, Wis.

Receipts in January, 1889.

MAINE—\$618.30.

Auburn, A Friend.....	\$5 00
Augusta, Emily W. Milliken.....	1 00
Bangor, Central Ch., by W. S. Den-	
nett, special.....	10 00
Bath, Central Ch., by F. S. Partridge.....	77 35

Winter Street Ch., special, Salary	150 00
Fund.....	42 15
Belfast, First Ch., by B. P. Field.....	7 60
Bluehill, by Rev. F. L. Drew.....	
Ladies of Cong. Ch., by Mrs. R. G.	
Lord.....	5 50
Bucksport, Mrs. E. Buck.....	15 00

East Machias, Mrs. C. O. Seavey, \$1;	
Mrs. M. O. B. S. Hoyt, \$1	2 00
Fryeburg, by Rev. W. F. Livingston	26 54
Hallowell, Ladies' Cent Soc., by M. C. Dole	20 50
Lyman, A Friend, by Rev. W. A. Merrill	2 00
Portland, St. Lawrence Street Ch., J. J. Gerrish	10 00
Second Parish Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., by Miss M. C. Spaulding	10 00
Williston Ch., by G. F. Thurston, in full, to const. Rev. L. H. Hall-ock, Dea. F. Agge, H. B. Pennell, A. K. P. Merve, and A. L. Burbank, L. Ms.	26 43
State Street, by W. S. Corey	72 51
W. W. Brown	100 00
Saco, First, by J. W. Littlefield	13 02
South Paris, A Friend	1 00
Thomaston, by C. Y. Robinson	6 00
Wells, H. N. C.	5 00
West Lebanon, A Friend	5 00

NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$691.41; of which Legacy, \$100.00.

Antrim, Mrs. Mary W. Holman	5 00
Boscawen, Agnes and Ralph, for Mo. Pelt Fund	50
Chesterfield Factory, O. J. Butterfield, \$10; Mrs. L. T. Nims, \$5	15 00
Concord, First, by Rev. F. D. Ayer, to const. S. Dana and M. R. Holt, L. Ms.	100 00
South Cong. S. S. Class 16, by J. T. Sleeper	7 50
The Light Bearers of South Ch., for Children's Bohemian Fund, by Mrs. C. P. Bancroft	7 00
Mrs. E. Hunt	5 00
Mrs. M. F. Smith	1 40
A Friend, to const. Miss Sarah Wadsworth a L. M.	50 00
Deerfield, by Rev. F. A. Mansfield	40 00
Derry, by Mrs. H. D. Chase, First Ch. Woman's Aux., to const. Mrs. M. B. Prescott a L. M., \$60; Hampstead, Miss A. M. Howard, \$5	65 00
East Derry, First Ch., by G. C. Morrison	3 15
Hampton, A Friend, \$5; A Friend, \$1	6 00
Hanover, Annuity from the Estate of A. Moody, by F. Chase, Trustee	50 00
Hollis, A Friend	3 00
Keene, A Friend	15 00
Kensington, "The Morning Seed Sowers," special, by Mrs. R. Akeman	5 00
Lake Village, A. M. Read, to const. Mrs. Albert M. Read a L. M., for Debt	50 00
Lebanon, add'l, by Mrs. J. A. Davis	50 00
Manchester, Mrs. J. C. Smith, \$10; Miss S. A. Knapp, \$15; Mary E. Smith, for Debt, 75c	25 75
A Friend	15 00
New Hampshire, A Friend	5 00
North Hampton, J. L. Philbrook, in full, to const. Miss Isabella G. Jewett a L. M.	10 00
Northwood Center, Cong. S. S., for Debt, by Rev. F. L. Sewall	15 00
Penacook, J. C. Martin	10 00
Piermont, Mrs. W. A. C. Converse	10 50
Portsmouth, Mizpah Circle, by A. R. Young	10 00
*Reed's Ferry, Legacy of Mrs. M. R. Wheeler, by J. Wheeler, Ex	100 00
Troy, Trinity Ch., by E. Buttrick	11 61

VERMONT—\$381.78.

Addison County, A Friend of Mis-sions	10 00
Barnet, Cong. S. S., by A. L. Laughlin	18 11

Bennington, Miss Alma M. Pratt, One of the "999,999"	1 00
Miss Fanny Danforth, by Miss S. E. Park	5 00
Bennington Center, H. H. Harwood, for Debt	15 00
Brattleboro, A Friend, by H. H. Thompson	15 00
A Friend	50 00
Brookfield, Second Ch., by T. M. Howard	14 80
Burlington, in part, by E. L. Ripley	230 70
Castleton, A Friend	5 00
Dorset, Miss A. M. Holley	5 46
Middlebury, H. M. B.	2 00
Newbury, Hon. P. W. Ladd	5 00
Norwich, S. J. Burton	2 00
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., by W. C. Tyler	25 00
Charles Fairbanks	100 00
Sharon, Dr. E. K. Baxter	25 00
Shoreham, Martha D. Byington	4 15
Springfield, A Friend, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5 00
Swanton, Mrs. L. W. Skeels	4 00
Mrs. Eliza Stone and Harriet M. Stone	3 00
Windham, by Rev. G. A. Beckwith	6 00
Windsor, A Friend	30 00
A Friend, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5 00
MASSACHUSETTS—\$20,682.39; of which Legacies, \$370.25.	
Mass. H. M. Soc., by Rev. E. B. Palmer, Treas.	13,000 00
By request of Donors, of which for Frontier Work, \$2; for Bohemian Work, \$4; Children's Bohemian Fund, \$1; Mo. Pelt Fund, \$9; For Salary Fund, \$50	1,442 38
Agawam, A Lady	2 00
Amherst, College Ch., Ladies, by Mrs. M. L. Henshaw, for Debt	20 00
Rhoda A. Lester	100 00
A Friend	50 00
Ballardvale, by Rev. G. S. Butler	26 15
Becket, North Ch., by J. Norcott	10 00
Berkley, A few Friends, by A. E. Dean	60 00
Beverly, Dane Street Ch., A Friend	100 00
Boston, W. H. M. Assoc., for Salary Fund, by Miss E. A. Leland	100 00
A Friend, for Debt	250 00
A Friend, for Salary Fund	100 00
Brockton, Woman's H. M. Soc. of First Cong. Ch., by Mrs. E. F. Gainer	7 00
Cambridgeport, Prospect Street Ch., by S. H. Fuller	145 71
Chesterfield, by Rev. E. Loomis	15 00
Curtisville, George E. Dresser, by Rev. T. A. Hazen	6 00
Mrs. Frances M. Clark	5 00
Dedham, First, by C. Guild	272 11
Dorchester, Second Ch., by Miss Elizabeth Tolman	185 39
East Granville, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. A. Gillett	2 90
East Hampton, Ladies' Benev. Soc., \$12; Home Mission Band, \$20; by Miss Lydia A. Ferry	32 00
Florence, E. H. Barnard's S. S. Class, Cong. Ch., by W. L. Wilcox	7 25
Georgetown, Mrs. S. Brame	50 00
Goshen, add'l, by A. Hawks	6 00
Greenfield, Legacy of M. O. Farrand, by Mrs. E. M. Russell, Adm.	200 00
Greenwich, A Lady, by Rev. E. P. Blodgett	5 00
Hadley, Legacy of C. Wheeler, by F. P. Wheeler, Ex	50 00
On account of Legacy of J. B. Porter, by W. P. Porter, Trustee	20 25
First Ch., to const. Rev. I. S. Bayne a L. M., by B. E. Bardwell	50 00

Haverhill, South Christian Ch., by E. Welch.....	30 00	Williamsburg, by W. A. Hawks, to const. Rev. H. S. Snyder and Dea. H. W. Hill L. Ma.....	100 00
A. T. Nichols.....	200 00	Williamstown, Mrs. L. A. Lathrop, \$5; and O. M. Fernald, \$15.....	20 00
Housatonic, Cong. S. S., by Miss A. R. Turner.....	32 63	A Friend.....	5 00
Lawrence, Trinity Ch., by A. T. Woods.....	69 15	Wilmington, On account of Legacy of Rev. Asa B. Smith, by Rev. E. Harmon.....	100 00
Leicester, First Ch., G. H. Sprague..	5 00	Windsor, W. D. White, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00
Ladies' Charitable Soc., by Eldora E. Loring.....	27 49	Worcester, Salem Street Ch., by E. Tueker, Jr.....	43 41
Lowell, Kirk Street Ch., by A. L. Thompson.....	476 45	S. Pierce.....	25 00
Golden Rule Soc., by Rev. C. H. Wilcox, for Debt.....	10 00	A Friend.....	25 00
Lynn, Central Ch., by I. K. Harris..	26 00	RHODE ISLAND—\$136.00.	
Marlboro, "The Gleaners," by Mrs. C. E. Metcalf.....	8 00	Bristol, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. First Ch., by E. W. Spooner ...r.	20 00
Massachusetts, M. G., to const. Mrs. P. A. Bemis, Mrs. C. W. Clark, Mrs. T. J. Comins, and G. A. Craig, L. Ma.....	250 00	Central Falls, Cong. Ch., H. G. Thresher, by R. A. Gage.....	20 00
Milton, Ellen M. Wadsworth.....	5 00	Pawtucket, by E. R. Bullock.....	75 00
Monterey, Mrs. J. Townsend, A Thank-offering.....	2 00	Providence, Union Ch., add'l, by Rev. J. H. McIlvaine.....	10 00
Monson, Mrs. F. Bradford.....	5 00	Miss Nancy Marsh, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00
New Bedford, Mrs. M. E. Bushnell... A Friend.....	10 00	A Friend.....	10 00
New Braintree, for Debt, by G. K. Tufts.....	40	CONNECTICUT—\$4,902.98; of which Legacy, \$183.66.	
Newburyport, A. L. M., for Salary Fund.....	75 00	Miss Soc. Conn., W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore, Sec. Received by F. T. Jarman:	432 06
S. S. Class in North Ch., for Mo. Pelt Fund, by Ann P. Bassett....	20 00	Mt. Carmel, Mrs. J. M. Swift.....	\$6 00
North Amherst, Mrs. Henry Stearns, special.....	5 00	New Haven, A Friend.....	250 00
North Leominster, Church of Christ, special, for Debt.....	18 88	Received by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, Sec. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Norton, Trinity Ch., by D. B. Winter. Peppereil, Ladies' Benev. Social, and Ch. Aid Soc., for Mo. Pelt Fund, by Mrs. J. P. Thomson.....	215 00	Bridgeport, First, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Miss J. E. Sanderson.....	\$28 00
Pittsfield, Mrs. S. H. Ferrey, to const. Annie H. Ferrey & L. M., by G. H. Ferrey.....	5 00	Hartford, Ladies' H. M. Soc., Center Ch., A Friend, for Salary Fund.....	1 00
J. H. Dunham.....	50 00	Kensington, Ladies' H. M. Soc., by Mrs. A. N. Hart, to const. N. M. Baldwin a L. M.....	50 00
S. B. Morley.....	50 00	Milford, First Ch., Ladies' H. M. Soc., Mrs. C. A. Smith, by Miss S. N. L. Stowe.....	5 00
Miss Morley, by Rev. W. G. Pudefoot.....	20 00	New Britain, Ladies' H. M. Soc. South Ch., given by Mrs. J. W. Cooper to A. H. M. S., to const. herself a L. M. of the W. H. M. U., Conn. for Salary Fund.....	20 00
Plymouth, John J. Shaw.....	5 00	Plainville, Ladies' H. M. Soc., Salary Fund.....	5 00
Quincy, J. H. Wheelie.....	10 00	Rockville, Union Ch., Mrs. T. M. Durfee's S. S. Class.....	4 00
Rehoboth, by F. A. Bliss.....	6 00	Berlin, Golden Ridge Mission Circle, by Alice F. Sage, to const. Miss E. F. Wilcox & L. M.....	
Roxbury, Anonymous.....	7 49	Bethel, \$185.70; A Friend, \$10.00..	50 00
Salem, Tabernacle S. S., by W. K. Bigelow.....	7 50	A Lady Friend, a Christmas offering for the Debt.....	195 70
Sheffield, by A. T. Wakefield.....	25 00	A Friend.....	5 00
South Amherst, Ch., \$12; Young People's Soc., \$10; by Rev. H. W. Boyd.....	7 50	Bridgeport, Park Street Ch., by Dea. C. M. Minor.....	10 00
South Sudbury, Children's Helping Hand Soc., for Children's Bohem. Fund, by Bessie F. Rogers.....	22 00	Second Ch., by O. H. Brothwell....	50 00
Spencer, Ladies' Soc., for Salary Fund, by Mrs. C. M. Howland.....	30 00	Bristol, Cong. S. S., by I. C. Sessions	65 00
Springfield, H. M.....	83 11	Buckingham, Cong. S. S., by Rev. A. Gardner.....	20 00
Miss N. Burnham.....	1,000 00	Cheshire, J. L. Foote.....	4 00
Ira Merrill, for Debt.....	10 00	Clinton, Cong. S. S., by J. M. Wellman, for Children's Bohemian Fund.....	10 00
A Friend.....	5 00	Collinsville, Mrs. A. Williams.....	2 00
Stoneham, Miss. concert, by Rev. D. A. Newton, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	25 00	M. A. Stevens, \$1; Mrs. C. B. Stevens, \$1.....	2 00
Taunton, Broadway Cong. Ch., Two Friends, for Debt.....	8 00	Colchester, Mrs. C. C. Deadon.....	2 00
Wakefield, by G. R. Morrison.....	15 00	Connecticut, A Thank-offering.....	250 00
Webster, First, \$38.50; Cong. S. S., \$4; by E. L. Spalding.....	70 91		
Westboro, Susan M. Miller, for Debt. Mrs. Mary F. Andrews.....	62 50		
A Friend.....	1 00		
West Brookfield, "W.".....	5 00		
Whateley, A Class of girls in S. S., by Teacher, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 00		
Whitinsville, Mrs. Charles P. Whitin, for Debt, by E. Whitin.....	2 00		
Mrs. Mary A. Batchelor.....	500 00		
S. F. Morse, for Debt.....	500 00		
Helen L. Abbott, for Debt.....	20 00		
	2 00		

Cromwell, by Sarah M. Savage.....	260 97
Derby, O. B. Sherwood.....	5 00
East Woodstock, by J. M. Paine.....	4 75
Enfield, First Ch., by A. Abbe.....	100 00
Fair Haven, Second, by L. Rowe.....	59 49
Farmington, Cong. S. S., \$75; Pelt Fund Box, for Mo. Felt Fund, \$50, by H. W. Barbour.....	125 00
Mrs. H. D. Hawley.....	50
Haddam Neck, by Rev. John Scott.....	5 00
Hartford, Asylum Hill Ch., for Debt, by C. E. Thompson.....	10 00
Second Ch. of Christ, by H. E. Harrington.....	400 50
Warburton Chapel, Cong. S. S., for Bohemian work in Chicago, Ill., by J. C. Hill.....	27 67
Mrs. Mary C. Bemis.....	100 00
Mrs. C. T. Hillyer.....	50 00
A Friend.....	10 00
Huntington, by E. S. Hawley.....	37 00
Jewett City, Second, by F. Bishop.....	52 06
Mission Band in Cong. Ch., special, by Mary M. Partridge.....	47 15
Daniel B. Hyde, by H. L. Reade, to const. Thusa L. Glitman a L. M. Kensington, by Dr. J. D. Quill.....	50 00
Lebanon, Birthday Thank-offering from a Friend.....	25 00
Lakeville, Salisbury Woman's H. M. Soc., \$32.05; special, Mrs. M. H. Williams, \$5, by Mrs. M. H. Williams.....	10 00
Litchfield, Miss Anna P. Thompson.....	37 05
Meriden, E. K. Breckenridge.....	20 00
Middleton, Legacy of Elizabeth H. Goodrich, by W. C. Bell, Ex.....	10 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc., First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon.....	133 56
Milford, First Ch., by N. D. Platt.....	10 00
Plymouth Cong. S. S., by S. Hawkins.....	168 58
Mrs. J. A. Carrington, for Mo. Felt Fund.....	16 36
Mystic Bridge, of which \$2 for Debt, by A. F. Young.....	1 00
New Haven, Mrs. Nelson Hall, a Birthday offering to const., Mrs. H. M. Gray a L. M. Friend.....	18 00
A Friend S. L. A., by Mrs. J. E. Pond.....	50 00
New Milford, G. Hine, for Debt.....	20 00
J. Hine, for Debt.....	5 00
H. Ives.....	5 00
New Preston Village, by D. Burnham Northfield, by L. S. Wooster.....	57 50
Northford, Ch., \$20; A friend, \$5, for Debt, by E. Smith.....	49 03
North Greenwich, by P. Close.....	25 00
Norwich, Second Cong. Ch., by A. D. Allen, to const. Miss S. M. Higgins, Miss M. H. Yerrington, E. A. Prentice, Miss S. D. Huntington, Dea. H. E. Stevens and Amos D. Allen L. Ms.....	29 46
Old Lyme, First, by R. Griswold.....	312 60
Orange, by S. D. Woodruff.....	11 20
Plainfield, First Ch., by Rev. H. T. Arnold, for Salary Fund.....	18 00
Plainville, Friends, for Debt.....	17 30
Plantville, Mrs. E. P. Hotchkiss, for Debt.....	31 25
Plymouth, Mrs. P. Langdon.....	10 00
Pomfret, First, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	12 00
Roxbury, Mrs. B. S. Preston.....	112 00
Salisbury, Home Class, Cong. S. S., by Rev. L. C. Goddard.....	5 00
Young Men's Class in Cong. S. S., by W. E. Cornell.....	7 00
Sharon, Mrs. O. Braze, for Mo. Felt Fund.....	10 00
South Britain, by C. A. Bradley.....	40
South Glastonbury, C. F. Struns.....	36 69

Southington, by J. F. Pratt.....	75 18
Southport, A Friend, for Debt, by Rev. W. H. Holman.....	10 00
South Windsor, First Ch., by C. J. Rockwell.....	17 55
Stanwich, Mrs. Christina Brush.....	500 00
Stratford, W. J. Peck, by J. S. Ives.....	5 00
Terryville, Mrs. K. S. Gaylord.....	1 40
Wallingford, Pledge Fund, by G. M. Judd.....	39 36
Washington, Ladies' S. Soc., by Mrs. Addie Hoilister.....	25 00
Watertown, Cong. S. S. Class, for Crete Academy, by T. M. Loveland.....	5 00
West Chester, by A. R. Bigelow.....	10 00
Westport, Saugatuck Cong. S. S., by H. C. Woodworth.....	10 27
Saugatuck Ch., by H. C. Woodworth.....	32 86
Wilton, Mrs. L. S. Adams, by Rev. J. G. Davenport.....	5 00
Winsted, Y. P. S. C. E. of First Ch., by Miss Abbie M. Faulkner.....	18 43
Mrs. M. A. Mitchell.....	30 00

NEW YORK—\$1,765.49.

Received by Rev. A. G. Upton:	
Eaton.....	\$34 00
Morrisville.....	5 00
Sinclairville.....	6 75
	35 75
Received by Mrs. I. H. Cobb, Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Brooklyn, Ch. of the Pilgrims, for Salary Fund.....	\$137 50
Mrs. J. E. Parish, special.....	5 00
Fairport, Aux.....	20 00
Homer, Mrs. C. Hitchcock.....	10 00
Poughkeepsie, Aux.....	25 00
	197 50
Albany, Mrs. Elec'a M. Eames and Miss E. Maria Eames.....	20 00
Albion, A Friend.....	3 00
Aquebogue, by C. F. Wells.....	8 00
Binghamton, A Friend.....	5 00
Brooklyn, Lee Avenue Ch., by W. H. Guy.....	9 75
Rochester Avenue Ch., Y. P. S. C. E., special, by Rev. J. G. Roberts, to const. Mrs. Martha Fraser a L. M.....	50 00
Atlantic Avenue Mission S. S. Assoc., by A. C. Pohl.....	10 00
Cong. S. S. of Central Ch., for Salary Fund, by W. C. Redfield.....	164 20
A. A. W., \$1; Miss M. S. Packard, for Debt, \$5; Miss H. N. Morris, for Mo. Felt Fund, 10c.; A Friend, 30c.....	6 40
Buffalo, Pilgrim Ch., by E. M. Darling.....	6 21
Canandaigua, A Friend.....	100 00
Chippewa Bay, Miss E. L. Higbee, for Debt.....	1 00
Churchville, Mission Circle, by Miss M. E. Bushnell.....	15 00
Clifton Springs, Miss Julia M. Gilman Sanitarium, A Friend.....	25 00
Columbus, by Rev. J. W. Keeler.....	10 00
Crary's Mills, by Rev. W. C. Jones.....	10 38
Deer River, Rev. W. J. Cuthbertson.....	8 50
Ellington, by Rev. L. Harlow.....	5 00
Fairport, Cong. S. S., for Debt, by A. R. Defendorf.....	12 25
Fishkill-on-Hudson, M. T. Kittridge.....	12 33
Flushing, C. E. B.....	5 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Franklin, by G. Mann.....	41 17
Griffin's Mills, by Rev. M. W. Dodge.....	9 78
Hoosick Falls, A Friend.....	10 00
Hopkinton, Two Friends of Missions, to const. Rev. E. H. Jenkyns a L. M.....	50 00
Ithaca, A. M. Hull.....	75 00
Jamestown, W. D. Henry.....	5 00

Lebanon, Primary Dept. of Cong. S. S., by L. S. Lindsay.....	2 10	Riceville, Ladies' M. Soc., by Mrs. W. H. Westcott.....	4 00
Lockport, First Ch., by E. Simmons.....	10 00	Ridgeway, First Ch., for Debt, by Mrs. C. F. Yennie.....	15 00
Middletown, A Friend.....	5 00	Roxboro, Philadelphia, A Friend....	10 00
Napoli, Ch., and S. S., by A. Bliss....	21 00	Sharon, by Rev. G. Henshaw.....	42 13
New York City, Young Men of the Union Theo. Sem., by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	10 00	Sharpsburg, by Rev. W. McCracken. Shenandoah, Welsh Ch., by E. L. Powell.....	5 00
H. R. Munger, \$50; A Friend, \$81; A Friend's Thank-offering, \$100; A Friend, \$1.....	182 00	West Bangor, by Rev. J. Cadwalader Wilkesbarre, Second, by Rev. I. Thomas.....	10 00
North Java, by Rev. J. H. Mallows....	3 43	W. Samuel, by Rev. T. W. Jones....	5 00
North Walton, Union Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by W. S. Webb.....	21 85	York, Mrs. Josephine M. Marsh, of First Presb. Ch., by H. E. Niles....	100 00
Norwich, by J. Hammond.....	32 48		
H. T. Dunham.....	10 00	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—\$255.50.	
A Life Member.....	10 00	Washington, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch., for Salary Fund, by Delia C. Perham.....	25 00
Oswego, by M. B. Couch.....	156 89	Ladies' H. Miss. Soc., Mt. Pleasant Ch., by Mrs. H. E. Chatfield....	30 50
Oswego Falls, by Rev. C. Olmsted....	10 00	Mrs. W. Pitkin.....	200 00
Parisville, J. W. Shaw.....	2 00		
Parkville, by Rev. E. Beecher.....	40 00	VIRGINIA—\$18.25.	
Perry Center, by F. C. Benedict.....	26 41	Herndon, by Rev. J. K. Mason.....	18 25
Port Chester, S. C. W., for Salary Fund.....	5 00		
Poughkeepsie, A Friend, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.....	10 00	ARKANSAS—\$6.85.	
Remsen, by Rev. J. F. Humphrey....	4 00	Little Rock, by Rev. R. H. Read....	6 85
Saratoga Springs, A Friend.....	25 00		
Spencerport, Cash.....	1 00	FLORIDA—\$17.21.	
Springville, S. P. J., one of the "99,999".....	1 00	Eustis, A Friend.....	5 00
Steuben, Welsh Ch., by Mrs. R. F. Jones.....	4 03	Interlachen, by Rev. W. D. Brown....	10 50
Syracuse, Plymouth Ch., by L. S. Wilson.....	141 87	Orange City, Woman's M. Soc., six little girls, by Mrs. M. D. Herrick, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 71
Tallman, Cong. S. S., by Rev. G. H. Hick.....	6 00	INDIAN TERRITORY—\$35.69.	
Ticonderoga, by Rev. A. W. Dickens Utica, Mrs. F. O. Follett.....	10 00	Vinita, Ch., \$8.39; Children's Miss. Soc., \$5; S. S., \$1.61, by Rev. N. M. Wheat.....	15 00
Walton, G. W. Fitch.....	2 50	Prof. J. McCarthy, in full, to const. Mrs. Sallie G. McCarthy a L. M....	16 69
Warsaw, Cong. S. S., by W. A. Walker, to const. Miss S. V. Lawrence a L. M.....	50 00	Miss S. E. Griffin.....	4 00
West Brook, Plymouth Ch., by W. L. McClenon.....	52 34		
West Carthage, by Rev. G. B. Rowley West Groton, Ch., \$16.57; Cong. S. S. Birth-day Box, \$3.43; by Rev. J. Cunningham.....	3 25	NEW MEXICO—\$29.00.	
Westmoreland, First, by J. Bell.....	15 00	Albuquerque, by Rev. J. S. Jewell....	24 00
	20 00	Deming, by Rev. E. L. Hood.....	2 50
	12 16	Georgetown, by Rev. S. Edwards....	2 50
NEW JERSEY—\$221.45.		ARIZONA—\$127.10.	
Asbury Park, S. E. D.....	5 00	Prescott, by Rev. H. M. Houlding....	127 10
Chester, A Friend, for Debt.....	50 00	TENNESSEE—\$4.50.	
East Orange, Mrs. T. Baldwin.....	2 00	Soddy, by Rev. L. Morgan.....	4 50
Jersey City, \$3.49; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5, by Rev. N. M. Sherwood.....	13 49	OHIO—\$2,490.54; of which Legacy, \$100.00.	
Jersey City Heights, Mrs. Caroline L. Ames.....	5 00	Received by Rev. J. G. Fraser:	
Montclair, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First Ch.....	75 00	Alliance, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Thomas.....	\$25 00
Ladies' H. M. Soc. First Ch., Mrs. M. L. Nelson.....	5 00	Atwater, Elgin Hinman, by H. E. Brush.....	1 00
Paterson, W. Mitchell.....	20 00	Austinburgh, L. J. Deming, in part, to const. Mrs. J. H. Wheeler a L. M.....	15 00
Plainfield, by Rev. C. L. Goodrich Upper Montclair, Christian Union Cong. S. S., by Mary J. Cooper.....	8 63	Brownhelm, by Mollie G. Goodrich.....	7 00
Warrenville, by Rev. G. Badertscher Westfield, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Cong. Ch., for Salary Fund, for Debt, by Mrs. H. S. Holmes.....	14 75	Cleveland, First, L. H. M. S., by Mrs. Crafts, Treas. O. W. H. M. U.....	22 00
	2 58	Union S. S., by Rev. E. E. Scoville....	5 00
	20 00	Hough Avenue S. S., by F. B. Fox.....	2 70
PENNSYLVANIA—\$282.64.		Grafton, by Rev. E. A. Hoffman.....	51
Audensried, Welsh Ch., by J. R. Lewis Bangor, by Rev. J. Williams.....	5 00	Hudson, Ch., \$34; Miss Metcalf's Bible-class, Christmas gift, \$1.50, by Miss E. E. Metcalf.....	35 50
Blossburg, by Rev. J. T. Matthews....	15 50	Huntsburgh, Ch., \$12.50; S. S., \$10, by Arthur W. Tuttle....	22 50
Coal Dale, by Rev. R. Powell.....	10 00		
Edwardsville, by Rev. E. R. Lewis....	10 00		
Guy's Mills, Mrs. C. F. Wood.....	5 74		
Hyde Park, Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. D. P. Jones.....	2 00		
Le Raysville, by H. C. Lyon.....	7 00		
Mt. Carmel, by Rev. D. D. Davies.....	7 75		
Parsons, by W. T. Williams.....	10 00		
	6 00		

Radnor, Willie Powell, \$1;	
Watkin, \$1; Harvey, 50c.,	
annual gift by J. Powell...	2 50
Saybrook, S.S. Mission Band,	
by M. Louise Tinkham....	5 00
Toledo, Washington Street	
Ch., by A. U. Young.....	10 00
Troy, by J. W. Nash.....	6 58
Wellington, S.S., by Carl W.	
Rust.....	10 00
	170 38
Received by S. P. Churchill, Treas.	
Bohemian Board, Cleveland:	
Burton, Y. P. S. C. E.....	\$10 00
Chardon, Band of Happy	
Hearts.....	5 00
Cincinnati, Columbia, L. H.	
M. S.....	9 00
Cleveland, Euclid Avenue Ch.	139 30
Plymouth, S. C. S.....	25 00
First.....	14 00
Columbus, E. W. Ch., L. M.	
Soc.....	10 00
Harmar, W. M. S., by Mrs.	
Craft.....	6 00
Ripley, First.....	10 00
Saybrook, Mission Band....	14 30
Toledo, Wash. Street S. S....	15 00
Youngstown, Plymouth S. S....	6 00
	263 60
Received by Mrs. Phebe A. Crafts,	
Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Cleveland, Euclid Ave. Ch....	\$25 00
Columbus, Eastwood Ch.,	
Friends, for Debt.....	7 00
Coolville, Mrs. M. B. Bart-	
lette, to const. Mrs. E. A.	
Fuller a L. M.....	50 00
Miss Mary J. Bartlette, to	
const. Miss Maria Booth	
a L. M.....	50 00
Hudson.....	7 00
	139 00
Andover Center, by E. A. Black...	10 00
Bellevue, First, by Dr. H. M. Hoyt...	15 65
Canfield, by Rev. J. S. Whitman...	11 60
Chatham Center, Rev. M. Packard...	16 68
Claridon, by J. H. Warriner.....	47 51
S. S. by O. R. Newcomb.....	6 00
Clarksfield, Miss C. A. Rowland.....	2 00
Cleveland, Grace, by Rev. J. H. Hull	3 69
Columbus, Rev. B. Talbot.....	1 00
Cuyahoga Falls, Cong. S. S., by L. R.	
Freeman.....	10 50
Elyria, E. W. Metcalf, by H. Ely....	200 00
Findlay, by Rev. G. J. Jones.....	25 00
Hampden, by Rev. H. A. N. Richards	6 00
Kent, G. O. Rice.....	10 00
Litchfield, Mrs. E. B. Ingersoll.....	10 00
Lodi, First, by G. Burr.....	20 56
Mansfield, Mrs. M. B. Whitney, for	
Mo. Pelt Fund.....	6 00
Marietta, by Rev. R. G. Beynon.....	5 00
Special for Bohemian Home, by	
Rev. R. G. Beynon.....	5 00
Mrs. Mills, by John Mills.....	30 00
Marysville, by Mrs. H. G. Scott.....	8 25
Mt. Vernon, Legacy of W. Turner, by	
G. J. Turner.....	100 00
Ch., \$34, to const. Miss Mary Sealts	
a L. M.; Friend, \$5, by P. B.	
Chase.....	89 00
Norwalk, T. Hagaman, for Debt.....	5 00
Oberlin, First Ch., by H. G. Husted.	76 05
Second Ch., by R. H. Birge.....	96 90
Second Ch. in part, by R. H. Birge	710 81
Painesville, by Z. F. Casterline.....	65 00
Perrysburgh, Mrs. Mary Hatch.....	2 00
Plain Cong. Ch., \$11; Birthday Miss.	
Box, \$1, by Rev. S. B. Beard.....	15 00
Rootstown, Y. P. S. C. E., by J. E.	
Bradshaw.....	30 00
Springfield, Lagonda Ave., by Rev.	
W. W. Pierce.....	21 33

Tallmadge, First Ch., \$142.02; Cong.	
S. S., \$15.74, to const. Rev. E. A.	
Thomson, Anna Barnes, and Mrs.	
W. W. Carter L. Ms., by W. Ailing.	157 76
Toledo, Mrs. N. M. Landis.....	4 90
Unionville, Mrs. E. Stratton, \$2; Mrs.	
E. F. Burnelle, \$5, by Rev. J. C.	
Burnelle.....	7 00
Asa, Charlie, and Roy Hardy, by	
Mrs. A. S. Hardy.....	14 50
Wadsworth, Miss M. J. Hard.....	1 00
Wakeman, by W. W. Whitton.....	38 00
Wellington, Ch., \$75, to const. Miss	
Abbie Johns a L. M.; J. L. Case,	
\$10, by T. F. Rodhouse.....	85 00
Youngstown, Swedish Mission, by	
Rev. A. W. Franklin.....	7 53

INDIANA—\$50.40.

Received by Rev. J. Hayes:	
Indianapolis, W. H. M. U.,	
Mayflower Ch.....	\$83 48
Newark, N. J., Mrs. Roby.....	1 00
Sharon, Mass., Ready Works.....	2 50
	37 98
Brazil, Mrs. C. S. A.....	5 00
Fort Wayne, Woman's Aux. of Cong.	
Ch., by Mrs. W. E. Mossman.....	5 12
Jamestown, by Rev. T. R. Egerton...	2 30

ILLINOIS—\$259.59.

Amboy, Mrs. L. B. Mead.....	10 00
Byron, V. A. Johnston.....	5 00
Chicago, Leavitt Street Ch., by W.	
M. Vernon.....	24 18
Elgin, Mrs. Bosworth's Bible-class of	
First Church, by Morgia Williams.	25 00
Freeport, A Friend.....	5 00
Geneseo, Mrs. P. Huntington.....	10 00
Hamilton, Miss A. Safford, 25c.; Swiss	
Girl, 15c., for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	40
Oak Park, Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick,	
\$3; Mrs. Helen K. Rockwell, \$3.00,	
for Debt.....	6 60
Payson, J. K. Scarborough.....	100 00
Ridge Prairie, Rev. A. Kern.....	3 00
Stillman Valley, A Few Ladies of the	
H. M. Soc., by Mrs. W. F. Gould,	
for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	1 33
Sycamore, J. H. Rogers.....	50 00
Toulon, Mrs. I. C. Starrett.....	15 00
Wheaton, R. A. Harris.....	4 00

MISSOURI—\$679.41.

Received by Mrs. A. E. Cook, Treas.	
Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Cameron.....	\$10 35
Kansas City, L. H. M. S. of	
Clyde Ch.....	5 00
Meadville, L. H. M. S. of Ch.,	
for Salary Fund.....	7 00
Memphis, L. H. M. S.....	3 75
Pierce City, L. H. M. S. of	
First Ch.....	15 00
St. Louis, L. H. M. S. of Pil-	
grim Ch.....	73 54
L. H. M. S. of Third Ch.....	15 00
Hyde Park Ch. L. H. M. S.	1 00
Ladies' H. M. S. of Pilgrim	
Ch., for Debt.....	20 00
Webster Groves, L. H. M. S.	
of Ch.....	15 00
	165 64
Athens and Anson, by Rev. J. W.	
Kelley.....	5 10
Kansas City, by Rev. H. C. Scottford.	9 00
Kidder, \$12.75; S. S., \$1; Sharon,	
\$5.65; by Rev. J. M. Bowers.....	19 40
Meadville, by Rev. D. Q. Travis.....	13 00
Memphis, by Rev. E. B. Burrows.....	2 33
Republic, S. S., by Rev. J. M. Chee-	
man.....	7 00
St. Louis, Pilgrim Ch., by G. L. Day.	387 07
By Rev. G. Horat.....	40 00

Miss Annie Wiberg.....	1 00
Springfield, by Rev. A. P. Johnson..	17 90
Twin Springs, by Rev. D. L. Fordney	1 95
Cole Camp, Mrs. Clarissa Kountz, to	
const. herself, her pastor Rev. D.	
L. Fordney and Mrs. Fordney L. Ms.,	
\$150	

MICHIGAN—\$2,079.08.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Benton Harbor, S. S. and	
Rev. W. H. Brewster.....	\$8 00
Bronson, S. S., special.....	2 25
Carson City.....	6 52
Chelsea.....	81 00
Clinton.....	18 50
Comstock, A Friend.....	100 00
Covert.....	6 55
Detroit, Trumbull Avenue..	10 00
Trumbull Avenue Ch., a	
Thank-offering.....	30 25
East Johnstown.....	4 20
Frankfort.....	4 62
Grand Rapids, South Ch.....	17 90
Hancock, S. S., Christmas of-	
fering, special.....	30 00
Hubbardston.....	5 00
Hudson, to const. Rev. G.	
Bradley and J. S. Austin-	
dale L. Ms.....	101 27
Leslie.....	11 00
Manistee, R. G. Peters.....	200 08
New Haven.....	26 08
Pontiac.....	32 50
Ransom, S. S., special.....	15 00
Rockwood, A Friend.....	10 00
West Adrian, S. S., special..	5 00
Wheatland, S. S., special.....	6 00

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Received in Dec. by Mrs. E. F. Gra-	
bill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Alba.....	\$8 18
Ceresco, Nellie Johnson, \$1;	
W. M. S., \$11.50.....	12 80
Detroit, Ladies' Union of	
First Ch.....	50 00
Dundee, for Salary Fund..	7 37
Gaylord, Mite boxes.....	10 00
Greenville.....	16 00
Hudson, Mite boxes.....	2 27
Kalamazoo.....	26 70
Kendall.....	8 50
Lansing, Ch., Systematic	
benevolence, \$40; W. H.	
M. S. Plymouth Ch., in	
full to const. Mrs. John	
A. Elder a L. M. \$22 78;	
Thank-offering, \$6.10	
add'l.....	68 88
Mattawan, A Christmas gift	
from Mrs. G. H. Goodrich	
Memphis.....	4 00
Olivet, L. Benev. Soc.....	5 00
Portland.....	20 00
Richmond, Mrs. Seth Lath-	
rop.....	15 45
Salem.....	1 00
Salem.....	16 50
Tipton.....	6 50
Victor, W. H. M. S. \$3;	
Ch. coll., \$5.25.....	18 25
Watervliet, S. S., Birthday	
Box.....	10 30
West Adrian, L. M. S.....	16 71
	318 41

North Star Mission:

Almont, S. S.....	2 78
Cooper, S. S.....	40
Detroit, Mt. Hope, S. S.....	40
Essexville, North Star	
Mission Band.....	1 00
Grand Rapids, First Ch.	
S. S.....	25 00
Lansing, W. H. M. S.....	2 34
Morenci, Fred E. Orton....	1 18

St. Ignace, S. S.....	4 40
Watervliet, S. S., Birthday	
Box.....	10 30

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Received in Jan. by Mrs. E. F. Gra-

bill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Addison, Mite Boxes.....	6 00
Ann Arbor.....	17 00
Athens.....	5 00
Bangor.....	4 35
Charlotte, L. Benev. Soc.....	51 62
Cheboygan.....	5 00
Chippewa Lake, A Thank-	
offering.....	10 20
Clinton.....	5 00
Cooper.....	10 80
Covert, L. M. S.....	5 70
Detroit, Ladies' Union of	
First Ch.....	50 00
W. H. M. S. Woodward	
Ave. Ch.....	25 00
Flint, Y. P. M. S., for Salary	
Fund.....	10 00
Fredonia, W. M. S. \$4.54;	
Y. L. M. S., \$2.69.....	7 23
Galesburg.....	11 00
Greenville.....	14 24
Hopkins, Second Ch., W. H.	
M. S., \$8.40; for Salary	
Fund \$17, in part to	
const. a L. M.....	25 40
Jerome.....	5 00
Lansing, W. H. M. S. Ply-	
mouth Ch., "Thank-offer-	
ing" add'l. \$10; for gen-	
eral fund, \$1.....	11 00
Lowell.....	5 00
Nashville, for Salary Fund,	
from N. F. Grant.....	6 00
Olivet, L. Benev. S.....	15 00
Owego.....	8 75
Red Jacket.....	10 00
South Haven.....	12 50
Stanton, from M. S., for	
Salary Fund.....	10 00
W. H. M. U. for Salary Fund,	
\$15; special, \$16.10.....	31 10
St. Joseph, L. M. S.....	6 00
Union City.....	6 00
	\$339 19

North Star Mission:

Almira, Mission Band,	
\$3.75; Birthday Box, 75c;	
Thanksgiving coll., 50c..	5 00
Chippewa Lake, S. S.....	2 50
Coloma, S. S. Birthday Box,	
for Salary Fund.....	6 00
Covert, Children's Mite	
Boxes.....	1 00
Dundee, S. S. Miss. coll....	3 08
Homestead, Misses Grace	
and Edna Smith and	
Minnie Metz.....	30
Hopkins, Second S. S., re-	
sult of 56c given out on	
Easter day, to const., in	
full, Miss Sophia Hoff-	
master a L. M.....	30 00
Jackson, Mrs. Robert Lat-	
imer.....	5 00
Nashville.....	10 00
Otsago, Irving Temple, \$1;	
Miss Mabel S. Temple	
and S. S. Class, \$2.35.....	3 35
Oxford, N. S. M. Band.....	5 00
South Haven, S. S., a Christ-	
mas offering.....	5 40
St. Joseph, S. S. Birthday	
Box.....	4 00
Whittaker, S. S.....	3 46

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Received by Rev. A. Blanchard:

Detroit, Mrs. A. Blanchard, to const. Rev. A. Blan- chard & L. M.	50 00
Fort Wayne	18 00
Hopkins Station	17 00
Millets	1 57
Williamston	6 00
Woodward	12 00

Received by Rev. R. Lewis:

Chs. and Individuals in Mich.	12 34
Allendale, Ch., \$1.25; Cong. S. S., \$1.60, by Rev. C. Finster	2 85
Ann Arbor, First Ch., A Friend, to const. R. W. Harrison & L. M.	50 00
J. Austin Scott, to const. Rev. J. W. Bradshaw and Dea. R. Maples L. Ms.	100 00
Batavia, Ch., \$4; South Union Ch., \$4, by Rev. F. V. Hawley	8 00
Charlotte, C. W. Mallory	10 00
Chase, by Rev. W. Kilburne	9 00
Detroit, Miss Park's Class, Trumbull Avenue Cong. S. S., by E. A. Perry	5 00
East Fulton, \$16.31; Maple Rapids, \$3.69, by Rev. W. H. Shannon	20 00
Farwell, Woman's H. M. S., by M. Hitchcock, for Mo. Pelt Fund	1 55
Fort Wayne, Cong. S. S., by J. E. Walker	2 56
Jackson, Mrs. R. M. Bennett	3 00
Kendall, by Rev. H. C. Hurlbut	3 00
Lansburg, by J. V. Wyckoff	7 50
Litchfield, by S. Fowler	25 63
Ludington, Cong. S. S. by G. H. Stray	5 00
Mattawan, by Rev. H. H. Smith	25 00
Minden City, by Rev. J. M. Warren	9 50
Muskegon, by E. J. Smith	11 00
Nashville, Soc., add'l; W. M. Soc. \$6, by Rev. F. Hurd	6 50
Olivet, by G. W. Keyes	146 69
Owosso, Young People's Mission Band of Cong. Ch., by Rev. R. R. Davies	25 00
Pierport, by Rev. C. S. Delvin	6 10
Romeo, Miss E. B. Dickinson, \$108; Miss M. A. Dickinson, to const. E. L. Gillett & L. M., \$30	150 00
W. Lord	20 00
Sault Ste. Marie, by Rev. G. C. Enpson	20 00
South Arm, Mrs. O. B. Smith	1 00
Superior and Bay Mills, by Rev. J. McGregor	2 00
Traverse City, Cong. S. S., by C. A. Crawford	7 09
Vermontville, Orlin P. Fay	25 00

WISCONSIN—\$14.40.

Fond du Lac, Julia A. Bryon	3 00
Kenosha, Miss E. M. Newcomb	5 00
Menomonie Falls, Rev. T. Loomis and Wife	5 00
North Prairie, Mrs. C. R. Chappell, 40c; Jane H. Hattingworth, \$1, for Mo. Pelt Fund	1 40

IOWA—\$70.26.

Blairtown, Mrs. J. H. French	50 00
Davenport, Bethlehem Mission Cong. S. S., by Rev. C. Hess	5 60
Harlan, Y. P. S. C. E., for Mo. Pelt Fund, by Rev. J. W. Geiger	5 16
Iowa City, S. S., by F. C. Coe	4 50
Maquoketa, by Mrs. D. Wright	5 00

MINNESOTA—\$572.04

Received by Rev. J. H. Morley:	
Cannon Falls	\$20 00
Marquette, M. T. Bernhart	2 00
Marshall	47 14
Medford	5 00

Minneapolis, Pilgrim Ch. S.

S.	7 00
Northfield	122 60
Owatonna	11 43
Zumbrota, S. S.	5 58

\$220 75

Received by Mrs. M. W. Skinner,

Treas. Minn. W. H. M. S.:	
Hawley, S. S.	\$2 00
Minneapolis, Vine Ch. Mis- sion Band	7 06
Plymouth, Y. L. M. S., special	32 50
First Cong. Ch. W. H. M. S.	25 00
Lyndale Ch., Cheerful Workers	3 00
Plymouth, Y. L. M. S.	24 00
Paynesville	5 00
Plainview, S. S.	4 47
Sleepy Eye, Ladies of Ch.	3 70
St. Paul, Park Ch. W. H. M. S.	25 00
Thank-offering	29 00
add'l	1 90
West Dora	3 80

\$166 43

Appleton, by Rev. C. N. Armstrong	10 00
Crookston, by Rev. W. H. Medlar	52 56
Detroit and Lakeview, by Rev. D. W. Morgan	5 00
Fosston, by Rev. A. A. Davis	4 00
Glenwood, by Rev. H. Holmes	2 00
Little Falls, by Rev. D. Donovan	4 75
Minnesota Chs. and Individuals, by Rev. J. Earl	53 46
Rush Center, by Rev. D. Nordstrom	5 00
Sauk Centre, Contents of a Thank- offering Box	50
Sleepy Eye, by Rev. S. M. McNeill	3 40
Spring Valley, S. S., by W. W. Wil- liams	4 79
Stillwater, by Rev. J. H. Albert	5 00
Wadena, by Rev. C. B. Fellows	15 00
Worthington, Union Ch., by G. O. Moore	19 40

KANSAS—\$452.61: of which Legacy, \$116.66.

Received by Rev. J. G. Dougherty,

Treas. Kan. H. M. Soc.:	
Capioma	\$13 99
Downs, W. H. M.	1 25
Ellis, G. Johnston	5 00
A Friend, for Salary Fund	10 00
Eureka, Children's Band	10 00
Lawrence, W. H. M. Ply- mouth Ch., in full, to const. Mrs. C. J. Warren & L. M.	13 00
Osawatomie, Rev. S. L. Adair	10 00
Ottawa, W. H. M.	1 35
Sedgwick, Ch.	3 17
W. H. M.	3 83
Stockton, W. H. M.	1 75
Topeka, First, W. H. M.	8 00

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Almena, by Rev. F. C. Jones	13 50
Altoona and Village Creek, by Rev. J. V. Davies	8 25
Arkansas City, by Rev. D. De Long	10 23
Ash Rock, New Harmony, and Mt. Ayr, by Rev. R. S. Osborn	5 25
Atchison, by W. S. McKellar	12 10
Atchul, by Rev. L. M. Bonnett	2 50
Buffalo Park and Collyer, by Rev. E. Richards	1 66
Chapman, by Rev. J. F. Smith	5 00
Corra, Ladies' Soc., by Rev. H. F. Markham	2 00

Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby..	3 00	Mayville, by Rev. W. M. Ellis	5 25
Dover, \$3; Ladies' Soc., \$9; Waka-		Oriska, by Rev. T. Sims	16 00
rusa, \$2; Ladies' Soc., \$18; by Rev.			
L. H. Platt	32 00	SOUTH DAKOTA—\$291.53	
Downs, by Rev. E. B. Clemmer	5 31	Received by Mrs. Sue Fifield, Treas.	
Dunlap, by Rev. G. P. Claflin	2 25	So. Dak. Woman's H. M. Union:	
Enterprise and Detroit, by Rev. J.		Elrod	\$3 35
H. B. Smith	3 30	Huron	9 92
Gritzland, Rotata and Sunnyside, by		Yankton	5 36
Rev. B. R. Turner	2 00	Mission Band	24 30
Haven and Mt. Hope, by Rev. E. J.			48 83
Collins	3 60	Received by Rev. H. Hetzler:	
Hill City, by Rev. N. R. George	2 50	Eureka, J. Klein	\$5 00
Jetmore, Harold and Houston, by		St. Petrie, add'l	10 00
Rev. J. H. B. Smith	3 30	Salem	36 00
Lawrence, Plymouth Cong. S. S., by			51 00
C. L. Edwards	36 68	Burton, by Rev. A. T. Lyman	9 50
Lebanon and Wakeman, by Rev. L.		Ellendale, by Rev. H. Volga	5 00
V. Slason	3 00	Eureka, J. Klein, \$5; Salem, \$36;	
Manhattan, Legacy of Mrs. Parker,		St. Petrie, \$10, by Rev. H. Hetz-	
by Rev. R. D. Parker, Ex.	116 66	ler	51 00
Plevna and Stafford, by Rev. L. Hull	10 00	Henry, Ch., \$9; Elrod, \$3.18, by Rev.	
Scatter Creek, Ch., \$1.80; W. M. Soc.,		J. P. Dyas	12 18
\$10; Centre Ridge, \$2.10, by Rev.		Highmore, Rev. R. C. Walton	5 00
J. Wilde	13 40	Huron, by Rev. H. D. Wiard	20 11
Smith Center, by Rev. J. H. Lippard	3 08	Iroquois, by Rev. A. J. Drake	7 00
Stockton, Cong. S. S., by N. J. Bet-		La Grange Township, by Rev. D. B.	
zer	5 00	Nichols	3 00
Thayer, A. Friend	3 00	Mitchell, by Rev. A. A. Brown	10 00
Topeka, Rev. L. P. Broad	30 00	Powell, by Rev. I. T. Lewis	3 00
Udall, by Rev. W. D. Trover	18 25	Redfield, Mission Band of the Cong.	
Wakefield, by Rev. R. Kerr	3 00	S. S., avails of a Birth-day Box, by	
White City, by Rev. B. F. Baker	6 50	A. Boover	6 78
Wichita, by Rev. F. Foster	4 00	Rosette Park, A. Friend	10 00
		Sioux Falls, Rev. W. S. Bell	5 00
NEBRASKA—\$305.57.		Springfield, by Rev. C. Seccombe ..	3 00
Received by Rev. G. E. Taylor:		Templeton, by Rev. S. F. Huntley ..	32 00
Chs. and Individuals	\$4 06	Webster, by Rev. T. M. Edmonds ..	15 13
Indiana	9 00		
Wallace, J. P. Harding	5 00	COLORADO—\$89.35.	
		Received by Rev. C. M. Sanders:	
Aten, Herrick and Blyville, by Rev.	18 03	Whitewater	\$3 35
L. Belknap	17 92	Mrs. C. M. Allen	10 00
Aurora, by Rev. M. Baskerville	5 31		13 35
Churches and Individuals in Neb.,		Arickaree City, by Rev. D. H. Minich	2 25
by Rev. Wm. Suess	12 60	Buena Vista, by Rev. T. D. Earle ..	10 00
Cortland and Pickrell, by Rev. H. C.		Denver, J. K. Hanna	50 00
Halbersleben	30 00	Julesburg, by Rev. H. J. Zercher ..	2 40
Crete, by G. D. Swezey	70 25	Pueblo, by Rev. L. W. Hicks	10 00
By Rev. J. Scharer	2 45	White Water and Fruita, by Rev. A.	
Fairmont, Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., for Mo.		H. Bears	2
Pelt Fund, by N. F. Ambler	1 25		5
Grand Island, by Rev. D. W. Com-		WYOMING—\$9.00.	
stock	16 50	Big Horn, Rev. S. J. Jennings	5 00
Hastings, by Rev. P. J. Falk	4 35	Big Horn, Sheridan and Becton, by	
Inland, by Rev. G. Grob	6 15	Rev. S. J. Jennings	4 00
Linwood, Cong. S. S., by Rev. J. O.		UTAH—\$13.00.	
Tasker	10 00	Coalville, Rev. W. F. Kaufman	13 00
Olive Branch, by Rev. J. Morach	3 55		
Omaha, by Rev. C. S. Billings	21 00	IDAHO—\$6.00.	
By Rev. F. H. W. Bruechert	2 25	Pocatello, by Rev. W. H. Bonnell ..	6 00
By Rev. J. A. Milligan	4 00		
Princeton, by Rev. J. Morach	4 50	CALIFORNIA—\$692.03.	
Rushville, by Rev. H. Bross	2 16	Alila, by Rev. J. A. Jones	2 50
Spring Creek, by Rev. P. Weidman ..	6 25	Amador, Mrs. A. B. Call	4 00
Sutton, by Rev. H. B. Fry	67 00	Belmont, J. W. Fay, \$2; Mrs. M. R.	
		Blackburn, \$5; Willie Reid, 50c; a	
NORTH DAKOTA—\$126.50.		Grand-Daughter, \$1; C. L. Reed,	
Received by Mrs. Mary M. Fisher,		\$1.50	10 00
Treas. No. Dak. W. H. M. U.:		Carlsbad and Oceanside, by Rev. H.	
Lishon	\$5 00	M. Daniels	5 65
Walcott	12 50	Eagle Rock and Edgemont, by Rev.	
		E. Cash	10 00
Cooperstown, by Rev. H. P. James,	17 50	Escondido, by Rev. L. C. Alvord	4 00
Cummings, Intermediates of S. S.,	6 75	Etna, Oro Fino and Callahan's, by	
by Rev. C. H. Phillips	13 00	Rev. W. C. Stewart	14 45
Dickinson and Gladstone, by Rev. C.	37 89	Fairview and Pescadero, by Rev. D.	
Y. Snell		F. Taylor	3 00
Forman, \$6.51; Harlem, \$13, by Rev.	19 51	Little Shasta, by Rev. E. F. Pina-	
J. Mulholland		more	50 00
Harwood, Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Rev.	10 00		
E. H. Stickney			

Los Angeles, First, by W. R. Blackman	366 50
Southern Gleaners' Young Ladies' Miss'y Soc., First Ch., by Kittle Mills, for Mo. Pelt Fund	5 00
Monk Hill, by Rev. H. T. Staats	4 30
Monrovia, by Rev. D. H. Colcord	10 00
Nordhoff, by Rev. C. T. Valle	10 00
Oakland, Plymouth Avenue Cong. S. S., for M. Pelt Fund, by L. L. Wirt	10 00
Perris, by Rev. C. H. Davis	12 07
Rocklin, by Rev. I. F. Tobey	5 00
San Bernardino, by Rev. J. D. Foster	9 00
San Diego, First, by J. H. Smith	47 00
San Francisco, A. Friend	1 80
San Juan, \$2.50; Y. P. S. C. E., \$10, by Rev. W. Rogers	12 50
Saticoy, by Rev. W. W. Small	7 00
Sierra Valley, by Rev. C. E. Philbrook	3 00
Soquel, by E. B. Palmer	7 00
So. Riverside, by Rev. W. H. Wolcott	10 00
Sunol Glen, \$27; San Jose Mission, \$6.25, by Rev. E. D. Haven	33 25
Vacaville, by Rev. H. W. Jones	15 68
Westminster, Ch., \$6.70; Cong. S. S., \$12.70, by G. C. Mack	19 40
Lincoln and Gold Hill, by Rev. G. W. Trimble, \$6	
[Erroneously acknowledged in February.]	

OREGON—\$111.14.

Received by A. S. Frank, Treas. Or. H. M. Soc.:	
Beaver Creek, Welsh Ch., by Miss Harris and Miss Owens, in part, to const. O. R. Owens & L. M.	\$10 25
Received by Mrs. Dr. Atkinson, Acting Treas. Or. Woman's Board Home Missions:	
One cent per day plan	20 00
Hood River, First Ch.	6 70
Portland, First Ch.	30 00
	66 95
Albina, by Rev. T. H. Henderson	4 31
Astoria, Rev. G. C. Hall	5 00
Forest Grove, by Rev. D. Staver	20 88
Hillsboro, Hillside and Gaston, by Rev. C. Derrick	4 00
Hood River and White Salmon, by Rev. F. Balch	10 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$88.05.

Anacortes, by Rev. H. J. Taylor	35 00
Bay Center, Rev. C. W. Mathews and wife	5 00
Endicott and Ritzville, by Rev. J. Koch	10 00
Farmington and Endicott, by Rev. F. V. Hoyt	5 06
John River and Wynoochee, by Rev. O. A. Thomas	3 00
Mount Pleasant, A. Hart and H. E. Turk, for Mo. Pelt Fund	50
Ritzville, \$3.35; Pasco, \$1.70, by Rev. E. J. Singer	5 05
Spokane Falls, by Rev. J. Edwards	15 00
Stellacoom and Lakeview, by Rev. L. W. Brinthal	2 50
Whatcom, by Rev. J. Wolfe	7 00

FRANCE—\$10.00.

Paris, G. S. Beach	10 00
HOME MISSIONARY	431 14
	\$30,218 13

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Andover, Mass., Ladies' of Chapel Sew. Soc., by S. E. Jackson, barrel and package	\$75 00
Belfast, Me., Ladies' Soc., by H. P. Thompson, box and freight	22 25
Bolton, Ct., A Friend, box	30 00
Bridgeport, Ct., Through Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., by Miss J. E. Sanderson, box	160 00
Ladies' Soc. of Second Ch., by Carrie J. Calef, through W. H. M. Union of Ct., barrel	138 52
Ladies' Aid Soc. of West End Ch., by Mrs. Geo. F. Prentiss, barrel	45 00
Bristol, R. I., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Annie W. Fitch, barrel	63 44
Bronxville, N. Y., Woman's Union Miss. Soc. of Reformed Ch., by Anna H. Bacon and Mrs. Francis Bacon, two barrels	115 00
Brooklyn, N. Y., Ladies' Aux. to Woman's H. M. Soc. of East Ch., by Mary J. Annable, package and cash	487 35
S. S. Class No. 36 of Puritan Ch., by Kittle A. Beam, two barrels and freight	85 00
King's Daughters of Tompkins Ave. Ch., by Mrs. John J. Pearsall, two barrels	180 00
Buffalo, N. Y., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by H. R. Messinger, box and cash	37 00
Canton Center, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Wm. G. Hallock, from Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., barrel	75 00
Detroit, Mich., Woman's H. M. Soc. of Woodward Ave. Ch., by Laura Rush, two boxes	150 32
Dover, N. H., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Hannah Wyatt, barrel	44 25
Elyria, O., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc., by Miss C. E. Crandall, box	
Fairfield, Ct., Church and Soc., by Mrs. Jane A. Kippen, through W. H. M. Union of Ct., two boxes	230 00
Framingham, Mass., through Aux. Woman's H. M. Assoc. Plymouth Ch., by Mrs. Elizabeth E. Guernsey, two boxes	474 38
Glastonbury, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Williams, through Home Miss. Union, two boxes	175 00
Grand Rapids, Mich., Second Ch., by Mrs. C. M. Norton, barrel	40 00
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, box	122 08
Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., Aux. to Woman's C. H. Miss. Union of Ct., by Miss Emma Bunce, two barrels	170 00
Ladies' Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., by Hattie E. Cowles, box	66 03
Ladies' Sew Soc. of South Ch., by Mrs. Chas. H. Smith, through W. H. M. Union of Ct., box	167 35
Henniker, N. H., Ch., by Fred L. Allen, box	77 00
Kansas City, Mo., Ladies' of First Ch., by Mrs. J. M. Fox, two barrels	110 00
Keene, N. H., Home Miss. Assoc. of First Ch., by Carrie K. Hersey, box, three barrels and freight	271 60
Manchester, N. H., Mrs. N. P. Kidder, barrel	
Merrimack, N. H., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. F. A. Gordon, barrel	112 00
Middletown, Ct., Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Miss C. M. Bacon, barrel and freight	95 00
Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc., by J. R. D. Noyes, barrel and box	100 00

New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Ida E. Vieta, barrel.....	79 31
New Haven, Ct., Aux. Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of College St. Ch., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss, box.....	85 00
Humphrey St. Ch., by Miss S. C. Atwater, barrel.....	112 23
Ladies' Aid Soc. of United Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Pond, two boxes.....	474 10
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle Ch., six trunks.....	1,235 05
State Charities Aid Assoc., three bundles.....	
W. Abbott, bundle.....	
Norridgewock, Me., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Caroline F. Dow, two packages.....	3 60
Peterboro, N. H., Ladies' Circle of Union Evangelical Ch., by Mrs. S. F. Marsh, barrel.....	61 23
Pittsfield, Ill., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by Mrs. J. M. Bush, barrel and cash.....	70 00
Plainville, Ct., through Woman's H. M. Union of Ct., by Mrs. Asa Blakeslee, box.....	84 69
Port Huron, Mich., Ladies, by Mrs. C. J. Rathfon, box.....	45 00
Portland, Me., Ladies' Benev. Soc. Circle of Williston Ch., by Mrs. Margaret S. Snell, barrel and freight.....	58 87
Providence, R. I., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Union Ch., by Mrs. Wm. Knight, box.....	465 00
Richmond, Mich., Ladies' Aid and Home Miss. Soc., by Rev. Leroy Warren, box.....	17 53
Rockford, Ill., Aid Soc. and Social Union of Second Ch., by Mrs. Hattie W. Rowland, three barrels.....	149 35
St. Albans, Vt., Ladies of First Ch., by M. A. Stranahan, barrel.....	50 00
St. Louis, Mo., Woman's H. M. Soc. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Lyman, six barrels.....	516 90
Schenectady, N. Y., Evangelical Ch., by John H. Munsell, box.....	26 95
Sharon, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Miss Emily C. Sears, barrel.....	100 00
Stonington, Ct., "Agreement Hill," First Ch., Aux. of W. H. M. Union of Ct., by Emma A. Smith, barrel.....	65 00
Tanworth, N. H., Rev. C. J. Richardson, three boxes books.....	
Toledo, O., Woman's Miss. Union of Central Ch., by Mrs. E. D. Sawtelle, barrel.....	40 00
Upper Montclair, N. J., Ladies' Aid Soc., by M. C. Hotchkiss, barrel.....	40 00
West Hartford, Ct., Elmwood Soc., by Mrs. F. A. Handall, barrel and half barrel.....	69 25
West Woodstock, Ct., Ladies, by Mrs. F. C. Martin, barrel.....	60 35
Wheaton, Ill., R. A. Harris, set of furs.....	
Whitinsville, Mass., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Lila S. Whitin, box and freight.....	173 97
Winchester, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc., and Young People's Miss. Circle, by Mrs. I. A. Bronson, barrel and lap robe.....	48 00
Woodstock, Ct., Miss Frances H. Butler, through W. H. M. Union of Ct., barrel and package.....	140 00
Ypsilanti, Mich., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mary S. Platt, package.....	46 00
By Mrs. E. F. Grabbill, Treas. W. H. M. Union of Mich.:.....	
Ann Arbor, W. H. M. S., barrel.....	83 82
Detroit, Thompson Ch., W. H. M. S., Rev. E. Linkletter.....	86 00
Hartford, Ladies' Aid Soc., barrel.....	23 00
Ithaca, "Gleaners" Y. L. M. S.....	35 00

MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Maine Missionary Society from Sept. 23 to Dec. 31, 1888, JOHN L. CHASE, Treas.

Albany, by Dea. J. H. Lovejoy.....	\$4 00
Amherst, and Aurora, by S. H. Goodwin.....	7 00
Aroostook Conference, by Leroy Miles Bangor, Central S. S., by J. G. Clark's Class.....	6 14
Bethel, Second, by Rev. J. E. Adams, S. S., by Mrs. A. W. Valentine.....	25 00
Brewer, First, S. S., by W. Bunker.....	15 00
By Mrs. Catherine S. Hardy to const. Mrs. Mary Agnes Merrill a L. M.....	10 00
Bridgton, First, by J. H. Caswell, Clerk.....	20 00
Calais, First, by A. L. Clapp, Tr.....	17 45
Cornville, (people), by Rev. J. E. Adams Sec'y.....	56 00
Dexter, "A Friend".....	7 00
East Bangor, by Newman Matthews.....	25 00
Foxcroft and Dover, by C. H. B. Woodbury, Tr.....	10 00
Frankfort, By Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec'y.....	20 00
S. S., by D. Evans.....	7 35
Garland, by Rev. P. B. Thayer.....	17 00
Gilead, by F. M. Wiswall.....	6 00
"Mountain Hills," by Miss Peabody.....	10 50
Gorham, First, by J. L. Leavitt, Tr.....	7 00
Hallowell, Mrs. Mary Fifield, Legacy, add'l, by J. S. Fifield, Esq., Exr.....	65 19
Mercer, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	79 67
Minot Center, by Dea. J. E. Washburn.....	5 00
New Gloucester, by S. H. Chandler.....	7 94
North Anson, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	85 50
North Bridgton, by Frank A. Chadbourne, Tr.....	5 00
North Edgecomb, for A. H. M. S.....	16 94
North Waterford, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	5 00
Norway, by Rev. B. S. Rideout.....	3 75
Olamton, by H. W. Conley.....	5 45
Perry, by Rev. Wm. S. Skelton.....	2 25
Phillips, by A. M. Greenwood, Treas.....	3 00
Portland, Fourth, "A Friend," by Rev. J. G. Wilson.....	5 00
Mrs. R. A. Chapman to const. Mrs. Frances S. Twitchell a L. M.....	1 00
C. C. Chapman, Esq.....	20 00
Saco, First, by Jas. W. Littlefield, Tr.....	5 00
Sandy Point, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	10 79
Searsport, Second, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	6 45
South Paris, by H. N. Bolster, Treas.....	8 45
Solon, by C. S. Bates.....	8 00
Union Conference, add'l, by Rev. J. E. Adams, Sec.....	12 50
Vezie, by John B. Skinner.....	1 00
Warren, Second, by Rev. F. S. Hunnewell.....	10 00
Waterford, First, by J. S. Plummer, Treas.....	32 00
Wells, Mrs. Lucy G. Cole, Legacy, by Alonzo K. Tripp, Esq., Exr.....	1 45
Wilton, for A. H. M. S., by Miss A. R. Bass.....	50 00
Winthrop, Miss N. S. Bourne, add'l, Legacy by A. P. Snow, M.D., Exr.....	3 30
York Conference, by Rev. J. S. Richards, Treas.....	862 91
Woman's Maine Missionary Auxiliary, by Treas.....	5 25
Income from Stocks, etc.....	63 00
	413 50
Previously acknowledged.....	\$2,079 30
Total from June 13, 1888 to date.....	2,957 85

HAMPSHIRE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the New Hampshire Home Mission Society, from Dec. 1, 1888, to Jan. 31, L. D. STEVENS, Treas.

at, Legacy of Elizabeth G. Law-	\$300 00
l, Second, \$4.20; S. S., \$1.67....	5 87
on, S. S., for A. H. M. S.....	8 00
ood.....	11 61
ine.....	8 68
.....	17 25
town.....	10 00
ster, Legacy of Augustus Lea-	875 00
d, First, Miss Marietta School-	30 00
ft, in memory of her mother....	
i, of which to const. Rev. A. T.	
llman & L. M., \$50.....	170 94
East.....	3 02
a, for A. H. M. S., \$20.....	43 33
affrey, S. S., of which to const.	
el Shattuck & L. M., \$31.83.....	62 63
Second, for A. H. M. S.....	125 41
ington.....	18 33
ton.....	28 17
Falls.....	20 00
tead.....	56 69
.....	5 14
First, Home Circle.....	18 25
id.....	72 87
oro, Legacy of Miss Abigail N.	500 00
ster, First, to const. Taylor G.	
att. and Mary F. Dana L. Ms.	
A. H. M. S.....	102 94
id, for A. H. M. S.....	260 50
a.....	18 00
Vernon.....	15 75
First.....	12 00
swich.....	37 29
Hampton.....	4 06
ood Y. P. H. M. Soc., for Col-	19 00
it Crete, Neb., \$10; S. S., \$15....	
Center.....	25 00
oke, for A. H. M. S.....	20 00
ok.....	10 60
outh, North.....	191 87
ph.....	3 00
.....	17 68
.....	5 00
m, for A. H. M. S., \$10.....	26 28
a.....	1 00
y.....	26 13
.....	25 70
.....	15 50
.....	9 26
.....	7 00
ster, Y. P. S. C. E.....	8 23
ampshire Cent. Institution.....	78 84
	\$3,362 65

MONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society in December, 1888. Rev. C. H. MERRILL, Sec.

on, East.....	\$12 00
gton, Second.....	17 87
.....	10 03
East, Mrs. C. C. Newell, \$2;	
Miss Harvey, \$1.....	3 00
ton, Mrs. N. H. Hill.....	5 00
dge, Second.....	19 06
.....	25 15
ill, \$29.58; add'l, \$1.04.....	30 62
er of Missions.....	5 00

Derby.....	6 50
Dorset.....	38 56
Eden, and Rev. G. F. Sterling.....	3 00
Jericho.....	10 85
Second.....	7 00
Kirby, Rev. H. U. Burton, D.D.....	8 00
Lowell.....	5 65
Montpelier.....	45 27
Morgan.....	8 00
Newfane, special.....	54 00
Newport.....	9 60
New Haven.....	49 50
Newbury.....	8 62
Royalton.....	3 40
St. Johnsbury, South.....	40 21
Rev. C. F. Morse.....	12 50
Underhill.....	10 00
Waterville.....	2 00
Williston, special.....	31 00
	\$484 39

Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society in January, 1889. REV. C. H. MERRILL, Sec.

Bellows Falls, special.....	\$94 35
Berlin.....	20 00
Brattleboro, S. S.....	50 00
West.....	55 92
Brookfield, First.....	10 00
Second, for A. H. M. S.....	14 40
Burlington, W. H. M. S.....	20 00
Cambridge, Friends.....	16 00
Second.....	4 75
Cambridgeport.....	5 00
Castleton, W. T., and L. C. U.....	5 00
Chelsea.....	18 61
Ferrisburgh, Mrs. L. Carpenter.....	5 00
Franklin Conference.....	4 00
Glover.....	16 00
Lamolle County, A Friend.....	50 00
Marlboro.....	3 41
Marshfield, A Friend.....	1 00
Montpelier, Bethany.....	14 65
Morrisville.....	21 61
New Haven.....	10 00
Peacham, East, A Friend, for Debt.....	25 00
Randolph, Legacy from Mrs. Myra A.	
Rhodgett.....	26 50
Rutland.....	159 00
St. Johnsbury, North.....	35 00
Rev. Henry Fairbanks.....	200 00
Rev. C. F. Morse.....	10 00
Saxton's River.....	29 00
Sharon, Dr. E. K. Baxter.....	25 00
Mrs. Susan Burbank.....	2 00
Shoreham, \$20; A. H. M. S., \$5.....	31 00
South Hero, Mrs. H. Robinson.....	1 00
Thetford.....	10 20
Vershire.....	10 00
Waterville.....	5 00
Warren, United, A. H. M. S.....	2 09
Waitsfield, A. H. M. S.....	20 94
Westminster, West, A Friend.....	5 00
Williamstown, Cong. S. S., for Home	
Missionary in Colorado.....	4 25
Williston, special, add'l.....	2 00
Conn. & Pass. R. R., Dividend.....	55 00

Woman's Home Missionary Union, December and January. Mrs. WM. P. FAIRBANKS, St. Johnsbury, Treas.

Brookfield, Ladies' H. M. S., Second	
Ch.....	\$5 00
Montpelier, Five Ladies.....	5 00
Miss Eliza Rublee, to const. herself	
a L. M. of W. H. M. U.....	20 00
Rutland, W. H. M. S.....	50 00
Saxton's River, Ladies' Soc.....	5 00

St. Johnsbury, Girls' Mission Band of North Ch., by Mrs. Geo. Cross, for work among Swedes, A. H. M. S.	\$ 00
S. S. of South Ch., for work among Swedes, A. H. M. S.	9 10
Ladies' of South Ch., for salary of Home Missionary, A. H. M. S.	45 00
Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, for same.	30 00
Westfield, Ladies.	5 00
	\$177 10
	\$1,279 18

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in January, REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Acton, New Year's Mite, by Rev. Geo. Stearns, for A. H. M. S. Debt.	\$10 00
Alford, by Rev. Aug. Alvord.	5 16
Amherst, North, Hubbard, S. E.	5 00
Andover, Johnson, Rev. Francis H.	150 00
Maternal Assoc., Mother's Offering, for needy Mich. S. S., by Mrs. A. E. Towle.	3 00
South, by Geo. Gould.	84 48
L. W. G., by Geo. Gould, for A. H. M. S. Debt.	5 00
West, by E. F. Holt.	46 78
Juv. Miss. Soc., by Miss A. J. Beard, towards salary of Rev. W. S. Runyan, Grass Valley, Oregon.	50 00
Arlington, Chaffin, Miss E., for Church in Alma, Neb.	50
Smith, M. F.	5 00
S. S., by Mrs. W. S. Frost, for Rev. H. A. Schauffler, Bohemian Work.	10 00
Ashby, Orthodox, by C. F. Hayward.	16 65
Attleboro, First, by A. H. Robinson, to const. Dea. Wm. Mathias & L. M.	31 49
Falls, Central, by Rev. W. P. Taylor.	7 00
Auburn, S. S., by Rev. S. D. Hoamer.	20 00
Barnstable, Centerville, by Alvin Crosby.	15 00
Thank-offering, by Rev. Rufus M. Taft.	14 45
Barre, Evan., by J. Henry Goddard, \$136.29; S. S., by J. B. Colby, \$6.79.	143 08
Bedford, by H. A. Gleason.	25 00
Barnardston, by Henry Slate.	8 06
Beverly, Wash. St., by A. Haskell, \$147.40; add'l, by Mrs. M. F. Trask, \$5.	152 40
Boston, Bowles, Mrs. Fidella W., for A. H. M. S.	30 00
C. A. S., for A. H. M. S.	100 00
Dorchester, Second, Barry, John L., by Miss E. Tolman.	10 00
Friends in, by Miss E. Tolman, for Rev. H. A. Schauffler, Boh. Work.	4 00
Village S. S., by John W. Smith, to const. Miss E. L. Ruggles, and Wm. Swan, L. Ms. of A. H. M. S.	100 00
Immanuel, by Francis J. Ward.	84 59
Nipmasset, Trin., by C. W. Kimball.	32 50
Stone Mission Circle, by C. E. Karlsson.	10 00
Old South, by R. H. Stearns.	724 00
Park St., Homeland Circle, towards salary of Rev. L. P. Broad, Topeka, Kans., by Miss I. H. Hobart.	100 00
For Emergency Fund, for unpaid Missionaries, by Miss I. H. H.	55 00
Roxbury, Eliot, Hamilton, Rev. E. T. D. D.	20 00
McLean, Alpine.	25 00
West, So. Evan., by J. H. Guild.	24 82
Shawmut, by D. E. Curtis.	650 17

South, Phillips, A. Member, by Geo. W. Ball.	50 00
Bradford, First, by S. W. Carleton.	119 42
Ward Hill S. S., by S. W. Carleton.	8 00
Braintree, First, by A. B. Keith.	29 10
South, by H. B. Whitman.	25 00
Bridgewater, A. Friend.	20 00
Reed, Mrs. James, by Geo. H. Martin.	5 00
Brimfield, First, by M. H. Corbin.	8 40
Brockton, Campello, South, by E. B. Estes, for A. H. M. S.	74 32
Brookfield, add'l.	20 00
Brookline, Harvard, by H. B. Eager.	300 29
Ladies, by Mrs. E. Wason, special, for Rev. P. B. Norman.	10 00
Cambridge, Reed, Chas. Thayer, Est. of, by Wm. Minot, Jr., Ex.	2,000 00
Cambridgeport, Pilgrim, by N. H. Holbrook.	20 00
Prospect St., by S. H. Fuller.	57 02
Charlton, "Two Friends."	4 00
Chatham, by Mrs. Geo. H. Eldredge.	12 25
Cohasset, Second, by P. Bates.	27 00
Conway, by Francis Howland.	8 00
Dalton, Crane, Clara L., \$100; Crane, Mr. James B., for A. H. M. S., \$200; Crane, W. M., by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, for A. H. M. S., \$50.	250 00
Dana, by Rev. J. G. Willis.	74
Dedham, "Two Sisters."	5 00
Easthampton, First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. C. Wood, for A. H. M. S.	27 75
S. S. class of L. M. Hannum, by L. M. H., Christmas-offering for A. H. M. S.	15 00
Easton, add'l, Belcher, Mrs. Daniel.	2 00
First, Evan. Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Thomas Kimball.	10 00
Everett, by Franklin Pierce.	71 00
Courtlandt St. Mission School, by Rev. G. Y. Washburn.	2 00
"Little Gleaners," Mrs. Washburn's S. S. class, by F. Peirce, for Mo. Pelt Fund.	7 00
Exeter, N. H., Perry, John T., for Rev. H. A. Schauffler, Boh. Work.	10 00
Fall River, by E. S. Thayer.	135 40
Falmouth, North, A. Friend.	5 00
Fitchburg, C. C. Cogshall, H. F., by H. A. Hill, for Geo. L. Parker.	60 00
Friends.	25 00
Eaton, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. R., towards L. M., of Mrs. S. C. Kendall.	15 00
Friend.	90 00
Framingham, Plymouth, by F. B. Horne.	96 80
Gardner, First, by Daniel H. Rand, five L. Ms., in A. H. M. S.	150 00
Gloucester, Evan., by Joseph O. Proctor.	210 00
"B" Thank-offering, by J. J. Pew.	25 00
Hampden Benev. Assoc., by Rev. Chas. Marsh, Treas.	\$5 00
Blandford.	
Holyoke, Second, to const. A. W. Esluck, Geo. Clark, and E. P. Bagg, L. M.'s of A. H. M. S.	224 70
Longmeadow, Gent's Benev. Assoc.	121 15
Ladies.	116 00
Ludlow, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc.	18 00
Munson.	28 56
"L. P. C."	42 00
Palmer, Second.	08 00
Pope, Rev. H. W.	100 00
Three Rivers.	24 34
Springfield, First.	295 31
Olivet.	4 00
South.	273 86
Westfield, First.	176 41

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by I. C. Howland.....	12 01	Oxford, Women's Miss. Soc., by Miss	
ick, Gilbertville, add'l, by A. H.		L. D. Stockwell, A. H. M. S., Debt...	2 00
ardson.....	13 00	Pembroke, N. H., Thompson, Mrs. Mary	
a birthday-offering, by A. H.		W.....	2 00
for A. H. M. S. Debt.....	20 76	Plainfield, A. Friend, "B.".....	2 00
d, Torrey, Rev. C. C.....	5 00	Plympton, Ladies' special for freight,	
ill, Center, by Ezra Kelly.....	106 00	by Mrs. James Dalzell.....	3 00
by W. F. Poor, toward L. m'p	25 00	Whittemore, Mrs. A. M.....	3 00
Harvest Festival proceeds, by		Randolph, Ladies' Benev. Assoc., by	
L. Sargent, to const. Miss Edna		Abby W. Turner.....	10 00
Hazeltine L. M. of A. H. M. S.,	50 00	Reading, "P." by J.....	2 00
S. S. Class No. 2, by A. L.		Richland, Mich., Miller, E. R., by E. N.	
gent.....	11 29	Peck.....	10 00
No. 4, by A. L. Sargent.....	8 09	Rochester, King, Mrs. Theo., for A. H.	
No. 5, by A. L. Sargent.....	9 43	M. S.....	5 00
S. S., by Fred. E. Bennett, for		North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	3 00
M. S.....	20 00	Rockland, by W. A. Clark, for A. H.	
ton, Friend, add'l.....	1 00	M. S.....	16 15
Earnings of dime gifts to chil-		Shaw, Elijah, to const. Mrs. Jose-	
n, by E. D. Thompson.....	25 02	phine Crawford L. M. of A. H. M.	
dston, by Alden Pollard.....	20 00	S.....	50 09
ark, Ellis, Rolfe M., L. M. in A.		Maine, Stubbs, Mrs. L. E., for L. m'p	
M. S.....	50 00	in A. H. M. S.....	50 09
S. S., by F. A. Parkhurst.....	25 91	Rutland, by W. C. Temple.....	6 55
on Bank Balances.....	50 71	S. S., by Louis M. Hauff, for A. H.	
A. Friend, "C." for Jetmore,		M. S.....	16 70
Miss, special.....	2 00	Salem, South, by Samuel Johnson, 2d.	125 26
Fund, Income.....	150 00	Tabernacle, Friends, for A. H. M. S.	10 00
lle, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	2 00	Sharon, First, by D. W. Pettee, for L.	
oct, by T. P. Paul.....	68 00	m'p of Henry M. Pollard, in A. H.	
ter, Ladies' Benev. Circle, by		M. S.....	33 66
et A. Keyes.....	10 00	S. S., by D. W. Pettee, to be used	
ice, Lawrence St., by C. K.		with above.....	15 00
ury.....	204 42	Shelburne Falls, by Rev. J. H. Hoffman	32 05
rst, by W. J. Bartlett.....	770 00	Somerville, East Stone, Ephraim	190 06
by J. W. Bartlett.....	80 00	Prospect Hill, W. H. M. Soc., by M.	
er, First, by J. C. Watson, for		C. Sawyer, for Rev. A. J. Drake,	
E. M. S.....	227 96	Iroquois, Dak.....	25 00
by Walter J. Denny.....	18 51	West, Day Street, by Peter Gray.....	16 13
ster, Orth., by Aaron O. Wilder.	107 05	West, Day St., Ladies' Miss. Soc., by	
by L. C. Black.....	8 00	Mrs. A. B. Upham, for Mo. Felt	
ster, North, Member of Ch.....	5 00	Fund.....	2 00
ton, Hancock, by W. W. Baker.	62 55	Southbridge, by Mrs. F. W. Eaton.....	126 71
Highlands, by Jas. G. Buttrick.	21 31	"Our Country".....	50 00
St., by A. L. Thompson.....	15 00	Spencer, First, by F. E. Dunton.....	608 63
Lunden, "S. A. D.".....	5 00	Springfield, First, A. Friend, S. O. A.....	5 06
ro, A. Friend to the needy.....	5 00	South, by W. C. Marsh, "Special for	
Friends, by Rev. A. F. Newton.	60 00	A. H. M. S. Debt".....	30 00
eld, First, add'l, by Rev. E.		Stockbridge, West, Center, by Rev.	
en.....	75	Aug. Alvord.....	1 41
lies' Benev. Soc., to const. Mrs.		Sturbridge, Female Cent Society, by	
esta H. Hatch, a L. M.....	30 00	Mrs. Melvin Haynes.....	25 18
Second, S. S. class of Mrs. C. T.		Sudbury, A. Friend, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
or, by Mrs. Prior.....	10 00	Swampscott, Kimball, Mrs. Mary R.....	10 00
olsett, Le Baron, Lemuel, for		Templeton, New Year's gift from a	
M. S.....	20 80	friend.....	10 06
d, Wouldhave, Thomas, and M.		Baldwinsville, by Miss M. B. Ray-	
bank-offering.....	10 00	mond.....	50 40
A. Friend.....	5 00	Thompsonville, Conn., Kingsbury,	
end, for A. H. M. S.....	5 00	Mrs. Almira M.....	5 00
ac, First Orth., by Hon. J. D.		Wakefield, by Geo. B. Morrison.....	21 09
n, First, by J. Emerson.....	100 00	Walpole, Friend.....	30 00
Brewer, Cyrus, for A. H. M. S.		Waltham, Trin., by T. W. Temple.....	58 47
First, by R. H. Randall, L. M.,	100 00	Warren, by J. A. Manley, A. H. M. S.....	78 79
se named.....	136 49	Wellesley, Cowan, Rev. P. D., A. H. M.	
John Elliot Ch., by expressman	33 17	S.....	10 00
y, First, by Edward Perkins.....	32 37	Westboro, Godell, A. H.....	15 00
yport, North, by J. B. Creasey,	16 00	West Brookfield, by C. T. Huntington	
E. E. S. Lord, by J. B. Creasey,		(of which \$5 for Debt).....	55 00
Chns. Bohemian Fund.....	1 00	West Newbury, First, Goodrich, David,	
Eliot, by D. E. Snow.....	69 00	by Rev. E. B. Pike.....	10 00
r, First, Blank.....	50 00	Second, by Mrs. Anna L. Chase.....	4 50
adams, First, by J. D. Cady.....	32 25	Westport, Pacific Un. S. S., by J. C.	
npton, First, by J. H. Searle.....	273 23	Macomber.....	6 69
rds Benev. Soc., by S. D. Drury.	265 31	Weymouth, North, Pilgrim, by Rev.	
andover, by Joseph S. Sanborn.	40 00	W. D. Leland.....	61 00
brookfield, by A. G. Stone, to		Whitin, J. C. Fund, Income of.....	120 00
Mrs. C. C. Porter L. M. of A.		Williamsburg, Haydenville, by C. D.	
S.....	96 51	Walte.....	20 00
ld, Phelps, M. N., A. H. M. S.,		Williamstown, First, by Chas. S. Cole.	44 50
-offering for blessings of 18-8.	5 00	Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan.	66 31
by Mary T. Dutton.....	20 00	special, for Slavic Dept., Oberlin, by	
d. A. Friend, "F.".....	2 00	E. Tappan.....	16 09
well, Rev. S. W.....	10 00	Woburn, First, by G. R. Gaze.....	126 46
		North, by S. A. Thompson.....	51 63

Worcester, A. Friend, "W."	5 00
Piedmont, by C. F. Marble, A. H. M. S.	57 64
Union, by S. Newton	354 30
Wrentham, Hawes, Miss Jemina	100 00
Yarmouth, First, by Rev. John W. Dodge	41 39

Home Missionary	\$15,375 65
	29 20
	\$15,405 85

ERRATUM.—Page 484, second column, 19th line from bottom, for "Somerville" read "Somerset." Next line below should read "Somerville, West," etc.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Mass. Home Miss Soc., in January.

Andover, Chapel, Sewing Soc., by Mrs. S. E. Jackson, barrel and box	\$108 00
Belmont, Waverley, Mrs. Daniel Butler, muff, unappraised	
Boston, Mt. Vernon Sewing Circle, by Mrs. C. L. Cushing, barrel and freight	157 88
Brookton, Porter, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. R. Holland, barrel and freight	102 50
Brookfield, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. Geo. W. Johnson (supplies, cash and freight, of which \$3.00 from Juvenile Right Hand Helpers)	64 50
Brookline, Harvard Sewing Circle, by Amelia M. Clough, two barrels	362 53
Exeter, N. H., Second Ch. Ladies, by Mrs. M. A. Street, two barrels	156 00
Florence, Ladies, by L. M. Warren, box	65 00
Greenfield, First, Ladies, by Rev. S. H. Robinson, barrel and freight	20 00
Haverhill, West, Friends, coat and cloak, unappraised	
Holyoke, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Agnes R. Allyn, box and freight	145 00
Hyde Park, Wom. H. M. Union, by Miss A. H. Putnam, barrel	108 00
Longmeadow, Ladies, by Harriet C. Bliss, box, two pkgs. and cash, (\$12 50)	177 07
Lowell, Highlands, Ladies, by Mrs. M. E. Osgood, barrel	45 00
Lowell, Kirk St., Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Miss Mary A. Shattuck, box and freight	141 80
Medford, H. F. Washburn, suit, unapp. North Andover, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. A. Stillings, supplies	17 50
North Brookfield, Wom. Benev. Soc., by Mrs. E. D. Batchellor, barrel and freight	115 00
Northfield, Trin., Ladies' Sewing Circle, by Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, barrel	45 00
Orange, Ladies, by Mrs. G. E. Bates, barrel	67 57
Plympton, Ladies, by Mrs. James Dazell, unappraised barrel * (\$3.00 for freight)	
Taunton, Winslow, Ladies' Sewing Soc., by Mrs. H. L. Davis, barrel and freight	79 00
Westfield, Second, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. H. Hooker, package	32 68
Wilbraham, First, Willing Workers, by Emily E. Phelps, barrel	30 00
	\$2,040 08

* Acknowledged in "Receipts," etc.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in December, 1888. WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Avon, by Rev. N. J. Seeley	\$7 00
Barkhamsted, by Rev. J. B. Clarke	4 50
Bolton, by Rev. L. H. Barber	8 73
Bridgeport, Black Rock, by D. H. Sturges, \$50 of which to const. Rev. H. C. Woodruff, of Black Rock, Conn., a L. M.	61 25
Bristol, by E. Peck	52 73
Canaan, Falls Village, by W. H. Minor, \$14.87; for A. H. M. S., \$7.37	21 74
Danbury, First, by H. Williams, from Benevolent Fund for 1888	64 31
East Windsor, First, S. S., by S. T. Bissell, for A. H. M. S., to const. Herbert Cuyler Wells and Miss Alice Stiles Becco L. Ms.	108 51
Fairfield, Southport, by W. H. Holman, for A. H. M. S.	144 34
Farmington, Unionville, by Geo. Dunham	20 00
Glastonbury, First, by Edwin H. Andrews, \$149.42; add'l, \$50	199 42
Griswold, by Rev. Chas. H. Peck, \$42.60; for A. H. M. S., \$2.97, together with \$5, Feb. 10, sent to the A. H. M. S. to const. Samuel Geer Norman a L. M.	45 57
Hartford, First, by C. T. Welles, int. on Hawes' Fund for A. H. M. S.	35 25
Hartford, Asylum Hill, by Chas. E. Thompson, \$100; Rev. Wm. H. Moore, \$35	135 00
Kent, by John Hopson, for A. H. M. S. Killingly, Williamsville, by W. E. Atwood	28 34
Litchfield, Milton, by Rev. Geo. J. Harrison	25 00
Middlefield, by Rev. A. C. Denison, to const. William D. Gray and Alfred B. Cook L. Ms.	5 00
Middletown, First, by L. F. Denio, Third, by J. J. Wilcox	26 40
Morris, by Dea. Saml. A. Whittlesey	171 53
New Britain, First, by A. N. Lewis South, by Wm. H. Hart, special, for A. H. M. S.	10 81
New Fairfield, by Rev. Arthur T. Reed, from Mrs. Lydia Treadwell	187 36
New Haven, First, by F. S. Bradley, supplementary	16 50
New London, First, by C. D. Boss, Jr. North Branford, by Chas. Page	1 00
Norwich, Second, by Rev. Wm. S. Palmer	50 92
Park, by H. D. Butts	28 26
Broadway, by S. B. Bishop	10 00
Plainfield, by R. Ensworth	50 00
Portland, First, by Rev. H. M. Bowden Putnam, First, by Thomas J. Thurber	331 19
Second, S. S., by Rev. A. L. Love, for A. H. M. S.	5 94
Putnam, Second, by H. N. Fenn, \$21.69; for A. H. M. S., \$21.69	75
Somers, Somersville, S. S. Class, by Mrs. Chas. E. Stowe, special for A. H. M. S.	2 50
Thomaston, by P. Darrow	48 36
Torrington, Third, by Frank M. Wheeler	48 38
Vernon, Rockville, Union, by H. L. James	8 00
Talcottville, by M. H. Talcott, special for A. H. M. S.	18 65
West Hartford, by A. C. Sternberg, \$15.74; for A. H. M. S., \$100.67	119 70
Windsor Locks, S. S., J. H. Hayden, for A. H. M. S.	6 82
Wolcott, by S. L. Hotchkiss	100 00
	116 61
	75 00
	4 64

Woodstock, North Woodstock, by Anna M. Bishop, for A. H. M. S.	44 00
	\$2,545 98

BOXES.

Middletown, First, Ladies' Society, a box, value.....	\$100 00
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Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in January, 1889. WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Avon, West Avon, S. S., by C. H. Stevens.....	\$5 65
Barkhamsted, by Rev. J. B. Clarke.....	5 00
Berlin, Kensington, Hon. Wm. Upson, \$20; Miss Alice C. Upson, \$5; Mary H. Upson, \$5.....	30 00
Bethel, by Wm. Beard.....	23 76
Bridgewater, by Geo. C. Bennett, for A. H. M. S.....	27 00
Canaan, First, by Dwight E. Dean.....	2 35
Clinton, by Daniel W. Stevens.....	60 80
Cromwell, by Sarah M. Savage.....	20 13
East Hartford, by E. A. Williams, \$21.27; add'l. \$7.50.....	31 77
Farlington, First, by F. C. Jones.....	14 65
Glastonbury, So. Glastonbury, Henry D. Hale, to const. Eben Grant & L. M.....	50 00
Greenwich, Stanwich, by Alex. L. Lockwood.....	14 51
Hartford, Asylum Hill, by Chas. E. Thompson.....	528 98
Second, by H. E. Harrington.....	100 00
Fourth, by Mrs. J. G. Parsons.....	64 00
Killingly, Danielsonville, by Chas. Phillips, \$15.41; for A. H. M. S., \$25.63.....	81 04
Ledyard, by Rev. John Avery.....	21 09
Lyme, First, by Rev. E. F. Burr.....	42 45
Manchester, First, Amos L. Spencer, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Middlebury, Bequest of Miss Emily Bronson, late of Middlebury, deceased, by Marcus De Forest, Ex'r.....	00 00
Middletown, Third, by Henry Wilcox, for A. H. M. S.....	34 00
Montville, First, by Henry A. Baker.....	16 00
Newington, by H. M. Robbins, for A. H. M. S.....	20 00
Newtown, by A. C. Moore.....	20 00
Norfolk, by Mrs. R. I. Cussey, from L. H. M. S., for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	5 00
North Stonington, A Friend, by Wm. B. Cary, for A. H. M. S., to const. Mary A. Avery & L. M.....	50 00
Norwich, First, by Lewis A. Hyde.....	17 75
Old Lyme, by Roger Griswold.....	19 82
Orange, West Haven, by William H. Talmadge.....	71 48
Plymouth, Terryville, by Geo. M. Allen, for A. H. M. S.....	71 86
Pomfret, by Mrs. C. C. Williams.....	10 40
Redding, by T. M. Abbott.....	27 48
Ridgefield, First, by John T. Holmes.....	7 37
Salem, Rev. Jairus Ordway, \$5; by Rev. J. Ordway, from a Friend, \$10.....	15 00
Southbury, So. Britain, by Chas. Bradley.....	6 14
Southington, by J. F. Pratt.....	14 47
South Windsor, First, by C. J. Rockwell.....	2 15
So. Windor, Wapping, by F. W. Gilbert, \$18.07; by H. B. Preston, for Bohemian Fund, \$7.63.....	25 70
Thomaston, by P. Darrow.....	11 40
Vernon, Talcottville, Y. P. S. C. E., by M. H. Talcott, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
West Hartford, Anson Chappell, \$10; A Friend, \$3; by E. A. Whiting, Tr. Est. of Abigail P. Talcott, for A. H. M. S., \$25.....	80 00

Westport, by H. C. Woodworth.....	3 75
Wilton, by B. Gilbert.....	50 00
Winchester, by E. B. Bronson.....	9 12
Woodstock, West Woodstock, by Rev. Geo. E. Chapin, for A. H. M. S.....	11 09

\$1,963 90

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in December, 1888, AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Atkinson.....	\$8 50
Mrs. G. W. Warren's Class of Boys, for Bohemian Work.....	3 00
Batavia.....	10 00
Buda, W. M. S.....	85
Bureau.....	11 50
Canton, Mrs. John Ingersoll.....	10 00
Champaign.....	5 00
Chicago, First Church.....	224 70
Western Avenue Branch.....	44 75
New England.....	40 15
Leavitt St.....	50 00
Danville, Mrs. A. M. Swan.....	6 00
De Pue.....	12 45
Earlville, J. A. D.....	50 00
Elgin, W. M. S.....	20 00
Glencoe.....	121 17
Greenville.....	11 50
Hamilton, W. M. S.....	2 50
Harvard.....	5 00
Y. P. M. S.....	10 00
Hennepin.....	4 00
Ivanhoe, Fremont Ch.....	51 25
Jacksonville.....	5 00
Jefferson.....	8 00
Joy Prairie.....	91 00
Kewanee.....	16 20
Lacon.....	27 30
"Dorcas".....	20 00
La Salle.....	7 17
Loda, special.....	30 00
Lyonsville.....	2 00
Mendon, Mrs. Jeannette Fowler, special.....	25 00
Moline, \$222.45; W. M. S., \$15.20.....	237 65
Morton, "Young Missionaries," \$11.25; Ladies' Soc., \$7.35.....	18 60
Naperville.....	41 25
Oak Park, Mrs. & Miss Durham, \$4; L. Benev. Soc., \$22.25.....	26 25
Oneida, \$15.40; "King's Messengers," \$5.....	20 40
Ottawa, S. S.....	20 00
Paxton, Mrs. Adaline Bushnell, special.....	10 00
J. B. Shaw, special.....	10 00
Mrs. M. A. Rice, special.....	5 00
Payson, \$10; W. M. S., \$5.....	15 00
Plymouth, S. S.....	8 00
Poplar Grove.....	10 00
Prairieville, Abijah Powers.....	100 00
Rockford, First, \$118.60; W. M. S., for Boh. Work \$10.....	128 60
Second, W. M. S. \$19.10; for Boh. Work, \$6.....	25 10
Roseville.....	27 30
Sandwich, \$192; W. M. S., \$35.....	207 00
Sannemin, Mrs. Mary E. Knowlton.....	3 00
St. Charles, Rev. and Mrs. George H. Smith.....	5 00
Sterling.....	46 35
Summer Hill, Mrs. Mary Ramsey, special.....	10 00
Mrs. Mary Schwartz, special.....	5 00
Mrs. Rachel Moore, special.....	5 00
Sycamore.....	13 64
Waverly, S. S.....	17 97
Western Springs.....	5 00
Wilmette, W. M. S.....	6 70

Galesburg, Estate Mrs. Lucretia R.	
Boon.....	50 00
Cash, special.....	5 50
A Friend.....	112 64
F. W. Munroe, Georgiana, Fla.....	1 00
Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Purdue.....	10 00
Interest on Emergency Fund.....	50 88
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	\$2,201 80

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society
in December, 1888. J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.

Almoral.....	\$40 10
Alton.....	13 75
Ames.....	5 00
Atlanta, Ladies.....	7 55
Belmond.....	13 55
Berwick.....	6 00
Casa, S. S.....	22 17
Cedar Falls.....	3 21
Cedar Rapids, Mrs. L. B. Stephens.....	50 00
Cherokee.....	14 00
Chester, Center, Ladies.....	11 20
Clinton, Ladies.....	20 00
Council Bluffs, N. P. Dodge.....	50 00
Cresco.....	44 00
Creston.....	20 00
Danville, Mrs. Mary Seymour, \$1; Mr. David Mathews, \$1.....	2 00
Decorah, Ladies.....	10 00
Denmark, \$20; S. S., \$14.50; Ladies, \$3.70.....	38 20
Des Moines, Plymouth, Ladies.....	10 71
Girls' Soc.....	10 00
Mrs. J. H. Merrill.....	50 00
Earlville.....	19 25
Eddyville.....	23 00
Eldora, Girls' Miss'y Soc.....	10 00
Genoa Bluff, \$3 50; Ladies, \$3.10.....	6 60
Givin.....	3 75
Glenwood, Mrs. D. C. Briggs.....	10 00
Grinnell, \$164.48; Ladies' \$20.....	184 48
T. O. Douglass.....	5 00
Kellogg.....	7 40
Manchester.....	72 54
Marion, Ladies.....	30 00
Mitchellville.....	6 25
Monticello, S. S.....	30 00
Montour, Young Ladies.....	1 09
Nashua, N. L. Packard.....	2 00
New Hampton, Ladies.....	9 00
Nora Springs, Mrs. H. B. Shaw and Daughter.....	2 00
Ocheyetan.....	6 00
Orden, Ladies.....	17 00
D. D. Tibbetts.....	5 00

Osage, \$35; S. S., \$4.08.....	39 08
Parkersburg.....	16 00
Plus Creek, German.....	4 00
Riceville, \$12.80; S. S., \$8.45.....	21 25
Rockford, Ladies.....	4 03
Rock Rapids.....	10 00
Sioux City, Mrs. J. D. Penfield.....	5 01
Storm Lake.....	52 00
Talmage.....	30 00
Teed's Grove and Bryant.....	4 00
Warren.....	5 51
Webster City.....	29 15
West Burlington.....	27 54
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	\$1,386 85

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY
SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$10,299 39
Connecticut, Bridgeport, \$28; Hart- ford, \$28.67; Kensington, \$36; New Britain, \$20; Milford, \$5; Plainfield, \$17.30; Plainville, \$5; Rockville, \$4.....	157 97
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 10
Kansas, Ellis.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$250; New- buryport, \$20; Spencer, \$83.11.....	353 11
Maine, Bath, \$150; Hallowell, \$20.50.....	170 50
Michigan, Coloma, \$6; Dundee, \$7.37; Flint, \$10; Hopkins, \$17; Nashville, \$6; Stanton, \$10; W. H. M. U., \$15.....	71 37
Missouri, Meadville.....	7 00
New Jersey, Westfield.....	20 00
New York, Brooklyn, \$302.70; Port Chester, \$5.....	307 70
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	\$11,411 85

YOUNG LADIES' SWEDISH FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$19 75
Vermont, St. Johnsbury.....	12 10
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	\$31 85

CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged and appro- priated.....	\$2,725 34
Connecticut, Clinton.....	10 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$1; South Sud- bury, \$30.....	31 00
New Hampshire, Concord.....	7 00
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	\$2,773 34

THE HOME MISSIONARY.

Go.....PREACH the GOSPEL.....Mark xvi. 15.
How shall they preach except they be SENT?.....Rom. x. 15.

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WORK IN THE SIXTY-SECOND YEAR.

APRIL 1, 1887, TO MARCH 31, 1888.

REGULAR Cash Receipts,	\$548,729.87
Regular Cash Payments,	511,641.86
Gratuitous Supplies to Missionaries, received and appropriated,	67,259.00 .
Number of Home Missionaries in service in 42 States and Territories,	1,584

Of these, in New England, **387**; Middle States, **110**; Southern States, **40**; Southwestern States, **104**; Western States and Territories, **848**; on the Pacific Coast, **131**.

Preached to congregations of Scandinavians, **45**; Germans, **35**; Welsh, **26**; Bohemians, **23**; Frenchmen, **6**; Colored people, **5**; Mexicans, **3**; Indians, **2**; Chinese, **2**; Danes, **1**; Spaniards, **1**.

Churches and Stations <i>regularly</i> supplied,	3,084
Stations supplied <i>occasionally</i> , more than	1,000
New Churches organized,	130
Churches brought to self-support,	59
Hopeful Conversions reported,	8,120
Additions to Aided Churches: On Confession, 6,310; by Letter, 3,702,	10,012
Houses of Worship and Chapels built,	131
Parsonages built,	33
Young Men in aided churches preparing for the Ministry,	87
Sunday-schools organized,	288
Scholars taught in them,	129,462

WORK IN SIXTY-TWO YEARS.

ENDING MARCH 31, 1888.

THE Society began its work in 1826, with 169 missionaries, of whom 129 wrought in the Middle States, 33 in the Western, 5 in the Southern, 1 in New England, and 1 in Canada, where the work was transferred, in 1844, to the British Colonial Missionary Society. The gain has been gradual and fairly steady, save for the total cessation of work at the South in the years 1859-1865 and its later resumption there so rapid as to employ 123 missionaries in 1885, (now 144).

The first missionaries were sent to Wisconsin and Iowa, in 1835; to Oregon, in 1846; California and Minnesota, in 1849; Kansas, 1854; Nebraska, 1855; Colorado, 1863; Utah, 1865; Dakota, 1867; Washington Territory, 1870; Nevada and Idaho, 1871; Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, 1881.

In these sixty-two years the regular cash outlay has been \$12,135, 422.07; extra supplies received and appropriated, more than \$1,100,000. Years of labor performed, 42,149. Additions to aided churches, 355,985. Churches organized (of which many were, and some are Presbyterian), 4,951; brought to self-support, 2,430.

STATE OF THE TREASURY.

This still shows room for improvement. The receipts of the National Treasury from January 1st to March 6th, inclusive, were \$71,014; of which from contributions, \$65,514; from legacies, \$5,500. This makes the receipts in eleven months and six days of the fiscal year \$276,715; of which from contributions, \$230,378; from legacies, \$46,237. As compared with the same months of 1888 this shows a gain of \$2,739 in contributions, and a loss of \$72,736 in legacies. The Society still owes \$85,000 borrowed at the banks, and several thousands more to missionaries for labor done and reported. The receipts from living givers, thus far in 1889, exceed those in January and February, 1888, by \$13,349. But the income from legacies in those months amounted to \$49,073, as against only \$5,495 in January and February, 1889. We need \$70,000 to make up the deficiency between this year's receipts and those of last year.

"He who gives but a part is not made perfect in love. Love rejoices to give all; it does not measure its sacrifice. It was Judas, not Mary, who calculated the value of the alabaster box of ointment."—*Dr. Josiah Strong.*

NOT TOO LATE.

THIS number of *The Home Missionary* will reach most of its readers a little later than March 17, the day set apart for special contributions to the Treasury. To some it may bring the first news of such a day and effort. To all who have for any reason lost the opportunity of coöperating with their fellow Christians in this special effort to relieve the necessities of our work let us say, *It is not too late.* Our fiscal year closes March 31st. The books will be kept open at least till April 3d to accommodate delayed contributions intended for the present year. Here is ample time to take part in the united endeavor of the friends of Home Missions to prevent an embarrassing debt. Please give this matter your first thought. And whether you send through the State Society or direct to the National, let your help reach us before the third day of April.

DECEASE OF DR. GEORGE H. ATKINSON.

As we are going to press a telegram brings us the sad tidings of the decease, in his 70th year, of our long-time friend and fellow-worker, Rev. GEORGE H. ATKINSON, D.D., of Portland, Oregon. Graduating at Dartmouth in 1843, and at Andover in 1846, he was commissioned by the A. H. M. S. to open work in Oregon, for which Territory he sailed by way of the Sandwich Islands (then the only feasible way of reaching his field), Oct. 23, 1847, and arrived at Portland, Or., in June, 1848. From that time to the day of his death, he was wholly devoted to the spiritual welfare of that Territory and State, subsequently adding the oversight of Washington to his burden of care. As senior pastor of the Congregational churches, afterwards as agent, later as superintendent of this Society's work on the Northern Pacific coast, Dr. Atkinson has seen the origin and growth of all that sisterhood of churches in Oregon and Washington, now numbering eighty-two. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him. Few men of his time have left a worthier record; few will be held in more grateful and loving remembrance.

"It is rather cold comfort," says Superintendent Eversz, "when one has prayed six months for a man for an important field, and at length finds the man in answer to his prayer,—to be told, not only, "NO MORE NEW WORK," but "CURTAIL AND CUT DOWN the work that you have already in hand." But the Lord knows all about it, and I can still sing, "In some way or other the Lord will provide. It may not be *my way*, but yet in His own way the Lord WILL provide, and so we work and wait."

YANKTON, DAK.

IN gratitude to God for the Bill of Congress admitting us as a State, we took an offering in church yesterday of \$62 for the A. H. M. S., which Society has, more than any other human agency, made Dakota fit for statehood. I am impressed that our Lord will bring you to the year's end without a debt.—*Rev. D. F. Bradley.*

THE sad news comes from Anacortes, Fidalgo Island, Washington, of the death of another missionary wife and mother, Mrs. Horace J. Taylor, a bereavement indeed to that church and community! Further particulars will be given in a later number.

THE Congregational Church of Sutton, Neb., have been holding revival services in the Opera House under the direction of Rev. R. M. Thompson, Evangelist. The meetings have been crowded to overflowing, and about 135 have made a profession of religion. A large number have already given their names for future church membership, and the end is not yet.

WE are compelled this month to yield space to the INDEX for the year, which has been arranged, by a grouping of subjects, for the convenience of churches, Sunday-schools, and auxiliaries, who are making special study of our "Field and Force." It is a matter of rejoicing that the number of such students is rapidly increasing. In the accompanying index every item of each State mentioned during the year may be found upon the pages indicated under the State heading. Matters concerning Mission circles are similarly grouped, as also interesting reading for Missionary Meetings.

CHEERING words have come from Superintendent Schaufler concerning his Bohemian work. In connection with extra meetings during the week Mr. Schaufler has held the first inquiry meetings ever held in connection with that work, although "after meetings" have been held at the close of the Sabbath service. At these "inquiry meetings," eight, ten, and even twelve adult Bohemians have remained for personal conversation with Mr. Schaufler. At a recent session of the Sunday-school over 100 pupils and teachers remained to the after meeting. Also a class of large Bohemian girls, who requested their teacher to begin a prayer meeting with them. Now is the time for active seed-sowing in that field.

NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S STATE HOME MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS.

THE Woman's State Home Missionary Organizations will hold an all-day meeting in the Congregational Church, Saratoga, Tuesday, June 4, 1889, the day before the Annual Meeting of the American Home Missionary Society. All STATE Organizations working through *one or more* of our six National Societies for Home-land evangelization are cordially invited to participate in this meeting. It is hoped that there will be a large and able representation from each organization.

There will be two sessions. The Morning Session will begin promptly at 10:30; the Afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Morning Session is to be a *private, business* conference of *State Officers* only. Questions of the greatest importance are to be freely and thoroughly discussed. *State Officers* of every rank will be admitted to it. To the Afternoon Session, *all* ladies interested in Home-land Work are most cordially invited. A rich, spirited, and helpful programme is to be presented.

Further information can be obtained by addressing Mrs. J. A. Biddle, South Norwalk, Conn.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN HOME MISSIONS.—II.

BY REV. W. T. HUTCHINS.

BRIEFLY, then, I wish, first, to echo the call for a home missionary advance. I want to base the appeal on three considerations: First, let me say that for very *self-preservation* we have got to stop living unto ourselves and live unto Home Missions. Our country is witnessing a mighty religious revolution. Our churches are undergoing a transition. Trace American church history briefly. The Puritans landed on Plymouth Rock and established civil and religious liberty here. The first New England church asserted its right to be let alone and live. Other denominations have got a footing and asserted the same right to be let alone and live. One after another these branches of the Church have got their growth.

Now after a long denominational war we have come to see that God has made these denominations what they are. What are they? They are Christian bodies organized for work. They are parts of one army. God has overruled our denominational jealousy, and has been organizing his host for just the work and war that is upon us. Our Congregational fathers did not know, a hundred years ago, when they fretted themselves about some Methodist itinerant who had come to town, that within a century there would be a home missionary problem of the magnitude our eyes behold to-day, and that Congregationalism would be but a *lesser item in the resources* for this war.

Get at the pith of New England history, and it is simply a preliminary and preparatory work of God to provide for just the emergency that is on us. The fact that a thousand immigrants are landing daily is the evidence that God considers this preliminary work finished. Up to this time denominations have had enough to do to get established ; from this time on, they have a common foe and a common interest ; and that denomination which does not now throw its best strength into this home missionary work and war, is either blind or disloyal to Christ. He will say to any respectable, cultured church which does not resolve itself into a home missionary factor, "Cut it down ; why cumbereth it the ground ?" Such churches sin against their own life. They do not know in what direction self-preservation lies. As well as we are doing by way of contributions, we do not yet see that it is our first business to push Home Missions. We should have one great, continuous revival and spiritual uplift if we entered upon this duty now as our fathers entered upon theirs. We are coming to see it. One by one the churches are crossing the Jordan and wheeling into line for the advance. Happy is that church who send their pastor to Saratoga and then double their contribution. It is a new era for them and their spiritual work will keep pace with it.

But now, one thing is specially true of New England. Politically she is likely to be the hem of the garment. Territorially she can be put into Washington Territory. In the map sent out by the Home Missionary Society, Massachusetts was dropped down into Dakota, and as one brother said, it looked like a grasshopper. For my own church, I enlarged that map to thirteen feet, and put Connecticut into Colorado, and I could only think of a chinch-bug. The most hopeful sign for her is the place she is holding on this list of benevolences. I believe the only chance a State has, in this rapidly developing land, is to make her religious soul and power through the missionary spirit and offerings of the churches felt. My ambition for Connecticut is, that like Paul, though weak in presence, she may be mighty when heard from. We plume ourselves on our invested capital, and our bee-hives of industry, and our inherited wealth. I honestly believe God's finger is touching the wealth of this State, and He is waiting to see whether it is to be consecrated wealth or no ; and if not, how easy will it be for him to transfer it all to other hands. These men who roll in godless riches little know that the church and missions are the dearest things to God, and if the churches die this garden of the Lord will become a desert again. So I say, self-preservation and Home Missions are synonymous terms.

The second ground of my appeal interests my brother ministers, and it is that there is nothing so grand and soul-stirring to preach about as *the missionary Christ*. And right here in America the gospel is to be *preached* in such a way that all our piety and patriotism and personal

enthusiasm shall go into the message. When the time comes for me to preach on Home Missions, I find myself drawn into a current of intense national love and national life. I see Christ, I see a great plan of salvation wrought out in our history. I see a triumph over all the allied forces of evil. How can there be a preacher of Christ to-day who does not stand as a prophet and overlook this grand contest, and with inspired soul anticipate the glorious end! In this way we can preach Christ to every patriotic heart. In this way we can identify Christ with the true prosperity of our land. In this way we can paint the glorious picture of a country redeemed and saved, and show in concrete reality what Christianity is in its effects. The next thing to getting people to love the world for Christ's sake is to get them to love their country for Christ's sake; and surely God is bringing the whole world to us, for he wants us to love the whole world. I believe if the Home Mission problem is solved here, the conversion of the world will be the immediate result. And brethren, if our hearts are not in this, pray what are they set on? *I don't believe we can preach the Gospel well unless we are absorbed in Home Missions.*

To be continued.

PERSONAL SKETCHES OF OUR SUPERINTENDENTS.—VIII.

REV. L. PAYSON BROAD, Superintendent of Missions in KANSAS, was born in Ashland, Mass., in December, 1840, being the third of six children. His parents were of the old New England stock. His father, Lewis Broad, was a railroad contractor, widely known in his day in business circles, being identified with some of the earliest railroad projects of the country, particularly in the West. Both of his parents were active Christians, and his mother was one of the most godly of women. In 1850 the family removed to Canton, Ohio, and in 1851, to Chicago, where Mr. Broad's father had extensive contracts on the Illinois Central, Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, and other railways. There, at the age of twelve, the subject of the present sketch first publicly confessed Christ by uniting with the Plymouth Congregational Church. At the age of sixteen, for one year, Payson had unusual responsibilities placed upon him in connection with his father's business; but since from a child he had the ministry in view, in 1856 he went to Natick, Mass., where he fitted for college, and entered Yale in 1859. Poor health compelled him to leave college in 1861, and he again engaged in business with his father, first in Fort Wayne, Ind., and afterwards in New England as a member of the firm of "Broad & Ward," railroad contractors. As a layman he continued active in Christian service. For six years the firm was engaged in executing contracts upon the New York and New England Railway. In 1869 the father and son disposed of their

interest in the business, and in 1870 Mr. Broad, having regained his health, went with his wife and their infant daughter to Andover, Mass. to resume his studies for the ministry. He entered the Junior class in Andover Theological Seminary, in November of that year, and in July, 1871 Mrs. Broad passed from earth. Anew the stricken husband felt that his life must be devoted to winning souls to Christ. Graduating at Andover in 1873, he began his ministry at Baldwinsville, Mass., organizing the church there which now has for its edifice the "Goodell Memorial Church." After remaining in Baldwinsville three and one half years, in 1877 Mr. Broad went to Kansas, and for six years, 1877-1883, was pastor of the Congregational Church in Paola in that State. In 1883 he went to San Francisco and spent three months with Moody and Sankey in their revival work on the Pacific coast, and from that event he dates new spiritual blessing. Returning to his pastorate in Paola, the church, though weak, immediately assumed self-support. Two years later, in 1883, he was suddenly called for a few weeks to Berlin, Germany, to attend upon his beloved and dying brother, Prof. J. Astor Broad, who had gone thither to study music, and is well known in Eastern musical circles as the author of various musical works. Returning to Kansas he spent some months more in Paola, and in the fall of the same year, 1883, was called to the work of State Evangelist of the A. H. M. S. in Kansas. He labored in that capacity for four years and until the resignation of Superintendent Blanchard, Jan. 1, 1888, when, in accordance with the unanimous choice of the Board of Directors of the Kansas Home Missionary Society, he was appointed Superintendent of Missions for Kansas. He resides in Topeka. His daughter, who constitutes his family, is a member of Northfield (Mass.) Ladies' Seminary.



JOHN BROWN'S CABIN, NEAR LAKE. KANSAS.



From "Marvels of The New West."

HOME MISSIONARY KANSAS.

By REV. L. P. BROAD, SUPERINTENDENT.

KANSAS is in the heart of the republic. It is very nearly midway between the Atlantic and Pacific, and between the British Possessions and the Gulf. As the States range from north to south, Kansas is in line with Dakota, Nebraska, and Indian Territory; and as they range from east to west, with Kentucky, Virginia, and California. The extreme length of the State east and west is 410 miles, and its breadth 210 miles. It has an area of 82,144 square miles, which comprises more territory than the whole of New England with one third of the State of New York added.

Its surface is mainly rolling prairie. The soil of its prairies is a deep dark loam, and of its bottom lands, sandy loam. It is watered by the Kansas and Arkansas Rivers and their tributaries. The climate is mild, Kansas City being on a parallel with Washington, D. C., and Wichita with Richmond, Va. The population now numbers 1,518,000; being an increase from 107,000 in 1860, 364,000 in 1870, and 996,000 in 1880. The people are chiefly from our interior and eastern States. There is no predominating foreign class, although Germans, Scandinavians and Russians are well represented. The largest cities are Leavenworth, 35,000; Topeka, 34,000; Wichita, 34,000; and four other cities have from 11,000 to 17,000, twelve more have from 5,000 to 9,000, thirteen more have 3,000, twenty-seven more have 2,000, and forty-seven more 1,000.

Kansas is an agricultural State, but the proportion of persons engaged in manufacturing and mechanical industries, trade and transporta-

tion, mining and in professional service is large. In round numbers the corn product for 1888 was 168 million bushels, wheat 16 million bushels, oats 54 million bushels, from a total acreage of eight million and two hundred thousand, or scarcely one seventh of the area of the State. Coal is found in fair quantities; and the salt and sugar industries are becoming important. The State has a fine system of railroads, reaching every section of it. The total mileage of railroads within the State, at this date, is 8,799 miles.

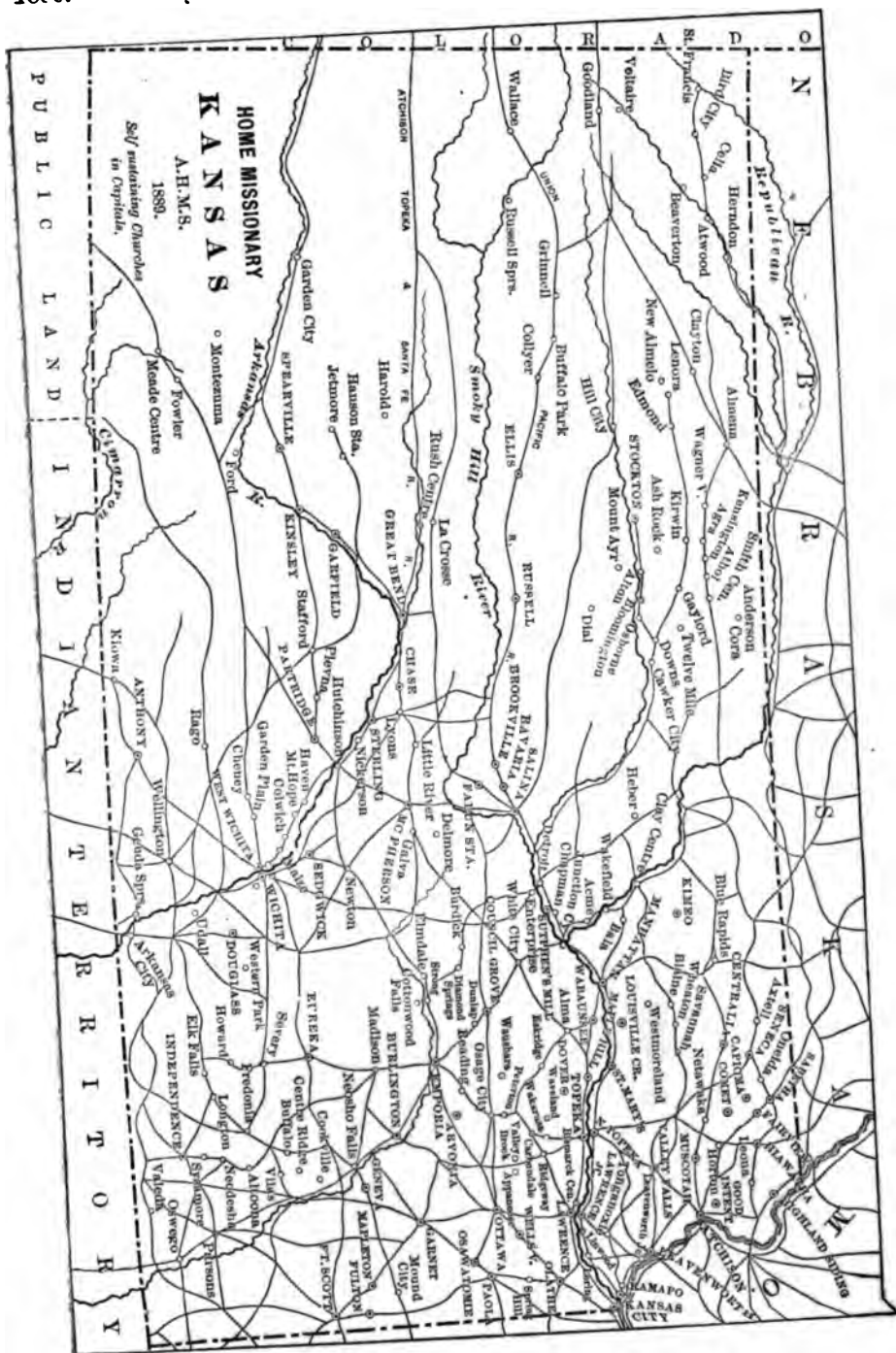
Kansas was admitted into the Union in 1861, and its early history was painfully identified with the great struggle for national freedom and unity. Liberty triumphed, but only after four years of civil war which had its incipency on Kansas soil. Kansas was at the front in the war for the Union; at one time three fourths of the male population of the State between the ages of 18 and 45 were in the army. Later, in time of peace, the people have shown their interest in the public welfare by incorporating prohibition into the State Constitution, and by maintaining a superior system of public schools.

The people are young, active and progressive; too worldly in aim, but free from the degrading power of the saloon. At this precise point in its history, by a full introduction of the principles of the Gospel into Kansas, society may be built upon a noble foundation.

Religious work in Kansas has begun under the auspices of the American Home Missionary Society. A Congregational missionary preached the first sermon to white people, and organized the first church. The circumstances of this organization were novel. It was in 1854, at Lawrence, that this missionary gathered a few followers of Christ, one evening, in a rude hall. "One brother held a candle, another the ink-stand, and a third wrote out the creed with his hat for a desk," and so the visible church of Christ had its branch in the Territory which was "the battle-ground for freedom." In God's kind providence, and through the fostering care of the A. H. M. S., there are now 214 Congregational churches in Kansas, with a membership of nearly ten thousand. They are located in 74 of the 106 counties of the State, and in 47 county seats. Sixty-six of these churches are self-supporting. The accompanying map indicates the location of many of these churches.

And yet the work is only begun. Kansas itself is in its infancy; it is to rise, with the neighboring commonwealths, to manly and perhaps giant proportions in power and influence. How vastly important, then, that it be held for Christ!

As a Home Missionary State, Kansas is a center of great interest, with thoughtful minds. Its central location, climate, and varied resources, will tend to give it large influence in our nation, commercially, socially, and politically. It has only a fraction of the population which it is yet to possess. With as dense a population as Massachusetts, it

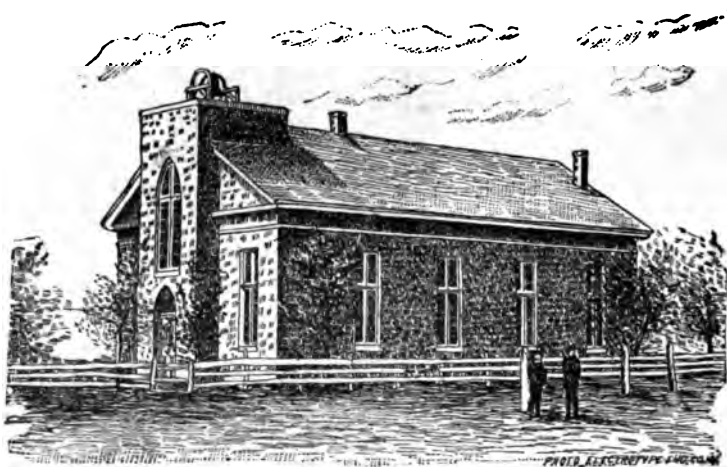


would have more than ten times its present number of inhabitants. The new settlers will come from all parts of the country and world. A large proportion of the land of the State is still undeveloped; a multitude are still living on "claims" in sod-houses and dug-outs. As the population enlarges, the certainty of a crop in those newer regions increases. Growing cities and new towns are now inviting our entrance, and the importance of holding these centers for Christ cannot be over-estimated. The critical period of Christ's work in Kansas is the next ten years. If we can start with the settlements, and infuse Christian life into the cities while yet they are moderate in size, we can have a molding influence for good, which will be impossible at a later day.

Let us then with heart, brain, and purse, to the glorious task !

But what can we do when the grand old Home Missionary Society is so many thousand dollars in debt ?

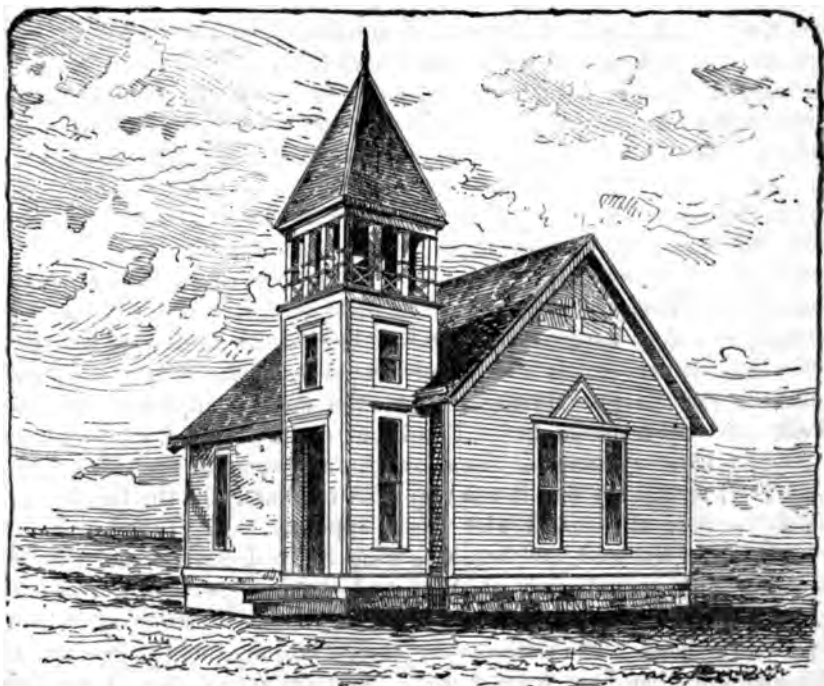
WHY NOT?—SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS in Kansas for Home Missions this year! Why, who will say that it cannot be raised? We have a goodly number of church buildings, each one of which cost as much as that! And shall not all of the 216 churches combined be able to erect God's spiritual temple at so moderate a cost?—*Superintendent Broad, in Kansas Telephone.*



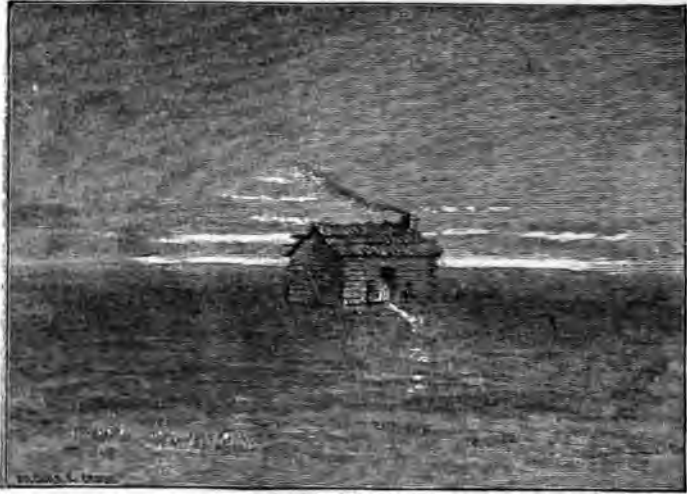
FIRST CHURCH BUILDING OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
TOPEKA, KANSAS.



THE "CONNECTICUT WATCH" PARSONAGE, WALLACE, KANSAS.



THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUILDING, WALLACE, KANSAS.
REV. THOMAS MARSH, PASTOR.



MRS. TABOR'S CABIN.

A SIDE LIGHT.

MRS. TABOR, who left her home in Maine for a prairie home in Kansas, thus describes her first impressions: "We arrived at our destination on the 19th of April. The cabin stood solitary and alone upon an open prairie. It was built of black walnut logs 12 by 16 feet; not a building, a stone, or stick in sight. We had brought two men with us, and how we could all live in that little place was a question I asked myself many times. The only furniture was a cook-stove, a dilapidated trunk, and a rough bedstead made of poles, on which was an old tick filled with prairie grass. I sat down upon the trunk and cried. I was homesick. Mr. Tabor and the two men unloaded the wagon while I tried to clean up the cabin. I found several copies of *The New York Tribune* in the room, smoothed them out, made a paste of flour, and soon had the black, ugly logs covered, putting the newspapers right side up that I might read them at my leisure, for I could see that reading matter was likely to be scarce. Having covered the walls I unpacked the boxes and made up a decent bed. I took out my table linen, etc., for I had not left home without the usual outfit, and began to prepare our first meal. I cannot say that it was very inviting, but I did the best I could, and we were all blessed with good appetites. Mr. Tabor broke the land, put in the seed, and began farming in good earnest, and thus our pioneer farm was started. Indians and snakes were then numerous in Kansas, and I lived in constant dread of both. I cannot tell which I feared the most. The rattlesnakes crawled into my cabin to get into the shade, and when I sat down it would be upon a three-legged stool with my feet under me."—*Marvels of the New West.*

HOW I BECAME A HOME MISSIONARY.—III.

ONCE a very simple sentence troubled me more than all sermons before or since, put together. The Rev. Michael Fawcett was preaching. He said, "A man will be less likely to be converted at thirty than at twenty, and at forty than at thirty." Simple words these, but they took hold of my soul. I stopped to think. I heard no more of that sermon. It seemed as if I had come to a precipice and there was no going forward without eternal results. I said to my soul, "Dare you take the step? May you not be mistaken?" and I drew back as if relieved of a great danger. Not long after this, a new singer came into the choir. She loaned me some copies of "THE GUIDE TO HOLINESS," saying that she could not keep house without them. I told her I thought there was an old book called the BIBLE that was a pretty good guide. She felt it a little, and I was sorry, for she was the first one in that choir, all Christians(?) who had spoken one word to me about my soul. Soon after this, I got "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress." Oh, how I read and devoured that book, and also some other words of Bunyan; those for instance, where he says, "There be seven things that bother me to this day. First, an inclination to unbelief." This was nectar to me; for I had thought there was no chance for me. I thought my sin was the one that could not be forgiven, as I had often said that I wished I could sin against the Holy Ghost. It was a very natural fear, but at last, between returns to unbelief, and then thinking I could not be saved because of my awful wickedness, I came in with old John Bunyan's resolutions, "Come life, come death, come heaven, come hell, I'll jump, and trust to Jesus catching me." And thus I came into the kingdom.

Soon after this, I went to Michigan, where I was made a superintendent in the Sunday-school, a class-leader, a lecturer, and a chorister. My class urged me to have a license to exhort, and, as several little school-houses near the town could be had, and as invitations came for me to go and speak, I wished that the request might be granted; but to the surprise of the class the good minister said "No." When asked for his reasons he said, "If Brother —— gets to exhorting he will want to preach; and he is too old, and has too many children!" Meanwhile other ministers invited me into their pulpits, one of whom was a Baptist.

At this time the Reynolds Red Ribbon Movement came into Michigan and there was a great demand for public speakers. I had spoken five times when the Presbyterian minister said he thought I ought to travel and lecture. As superintendent of the Sunday-school I had attended a Sunday-school Institute, and there saw Frank Beard at the blackboard. I was completely carried away with the possibilities in that direction, and the moment I reached home began to cover my shop, stove-pipes, and everything else, with crayon drawings. Then off to the town again to look at the pictures that had been left.

I jumped from my bench one day and ran over to tell a friend what I thought I could do. This friend smiled, and encouraged me to try.

To be continued.

A MISSIONARY WIFE AT REST.

HATTIE B. SHERMAN, wife of Rev. Floyd E. Sherman, of Stockton, Kansas, and daughter of Rev. R. F. Markham, of Kirwin, Kansas, was born at Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois, January 18th, 1849.

When not more than eight years old she was interested in children's prayer-meetings. This interest never left her. She joined the Congregational Church at Newark, Illinois, just before the end of her thirteenth year.

In 1867 she entered Oberlin College, took the ladies' course of study, and was graduated in 1871. During the long winter vacation she taught district schools near Oberlin. From 1871 to 1881 she taught almost constantly. Three years she taught a grade in the public schools of Kent, Ohio. Two years she was a missionary of the American Missionary Association, and taught in the Beach Institute for the colored people at Savannah, Ga. She came to Kansas in 1878 and took land on which she settled in 1879, and for two years taught in Osborne, Smith, and Rooks Counties.

In December, 1881, she was married to Rev. Floyd E. Sherman, pastor of the Congregational Church at Stockton, Kansas, and began housekeeping there January 1, 1882. The daughter of a minister, and accustomed from childhood to Christian work, she well knew how to help her husband. She labored in season and out of season to make the Lord's work in Stockton effective. She sang in the choir and in the Sunday-school, taught a class in Sunday-school, helped in children's meetings, prepared for Sunday-school concerts, helped in the ladies' society and the W. C. T. U. among many other things.

In her home she was faithful, patient, loving, tender, doing all that she could for the comfort and well-being of all around her. Three children, two girls and one boy, were given to her: Edith, who died at the age of four and a half years; Vina, not yet three years old; and Jesse, who died at the age of three months, January 14th, 1889, while his mother's body was being taken to the grave.

Cares and responsibilities in so many directions brought on her a burden too heavy for her to carry. For more than three years her health was really failing, though much of the time she thought she was improving, and till the day before her death clung to the hope that she would again be well. She gave up one burden after another, but too late. Her ill health developed into catarrhal consumption, which ended her life after days of terrible suffering, January 12th, 1889, aged 40 years lacking six days. The funeral services were held in the Congregational Church Mon-

day afternoon. The sermon was by Rev. R. S. Osborn, of Alton, assisted in other services by Rev. J. K. Eckman, of Osborne, formerly associated with the deceased in pioneer missionary work, and by all the pastors of the city. That Mrs. Sherman was held in universal love the crowded church and many tearful faces bore witness. All the immediate members of the family, father, mother, sister, and two brothers, were present.—*Kansas Telephone.*

CHRIST IN A DUG-OUT.

IN connection with my frontier work in Northwestern Kansas, I am visiting many families. Among them I found a poor woman, over thirty years of age, who has been afflicted fourteen years. A month ago, as the result of my visits, four of her relatives professed faith in Christ and were received into our little church at Collyer. The afflicted one referred to, with whom I had conversed about the loving Savior, desired to have a religious service held in her sick room, and being sent for I invited Brother Daniel Cass, who is deacon of our Collyer Church, and the other members to meet at the house on the 12th of November. The deacon, six members, and others were present. From the beginning it seemed as if the room was filled with the divine presence. I spoke of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, dwelling on the words, "And he went on his way rejoicing," Acts 8:39. The sick woman was led to rejoice in the Savior, and was baptized. She is evidently nearing the end of life's journey. Her aged father and mother were present; they also bowed in prayer and professed faith in Jesus. The whole family were received into the Collyer Church. This meeting was held in a room dug out in the ground, and covered over with grassy sod, and yet the blessed presence of God made it a palace. It seemed to all as if heaven was very near. A little wine was made from a few native berries, and we partook of the sacrament of the Lord's supper, and truly we found it to be the mercy seat.

At Collyer, under the most trying circumstances, we have put up a frame church-building which we want to dedicate. Our crops have failed for the last three years in succession, owing to drouth in this part of the State. We have no seating, lamps, or stove, and no money to get any. Much suffering will be endured by many this winter. In the name of our loving Heavenly Father, I ask, will some of our dear people to whom God has given the means come to our help? If one hundred who will read *The Home Missionary* will send us the price of one chair each, the church will be seated.—*Rev. E. Richards, Buffalo Park, Kansas.*

"WHEN we find our joy and pleasure in God's work I believe we have a foretaste of the joy of heaven, for you know there 'His servants serve him.'"

WHAT ABOUT THOSE BOXES?.

A LETTER OF INQUIRY.

Do you regard the boxes a means of grace, or not? (*a*) This is the burning question now. (*b*) We have been told, out in this country region, where we have been in the habit of laying ourselves out on an annual missionary box for the West, (*c*) that it is henceforth an antiquated theory; (*d*) that the missionaries want no more old clothes. (*e*) Well, we did not send old clothes. (*f*) Our ladies took the greatest interest in all the family of the missionary, and tried to fit them to a T (*g*) We never thought we gave away less money. (*h*) We knew that some who gave work toward the boxes had no money to give. (*i*) But, we need instruction and information. (*j*) Do you want the boxes stopped? (*k*) Do the missionaries want them stopped? (*l*) Do they feel degraded to wear what we send them? (*m*) I was a poor theological student, (*n*) and used to be glad of second-hand clothes. (*o*) I am a poor minister, (*p*) and if these boxes do not suit out West, (*q*) send one along to me. (*r*) I enclose in confidence my name, number and all, so that I may be sure to get them. (*s*)—THOMAS, CALLED DIDYMUS. (*t*)

RESPONSES.

(*a*) We do, when they are sent *intelligently*, on information sent from the Society's office. (*b*) Keep it burning. (*c*) Keep laying yourselves out. (*d*) It is not. (*e*) They don't want "*old clothes*" in the Chatham Street, Israelitish sense of the term. (*f*) Don't begin now. (*g*) Keep doing that. (*h*) You'll give not less money, but more money, which is always the most urgent need of the Society, if you enter into "the box business," intelligently and heartily. (*i*) Don't, *don't* take from these the privilege they love, of doing the one thing they *can* do. (*j*) Here you have it. (*k*) No, we don't. (*l*) No, they don't—anything but that. (*m*) No, not anything that *you* send them. Possibly, sometimes, there has been, by some, too little appreciation of the real state of things in here and there a missionary home, and articles were sent that were useless *there*, but would have been gladly welcomed in some other missionary home in a rougher field. Therefore this form of helping should be *intelligently* managed. (*n*) So was I. (*o*) So was I, when they were decent and "*fitted*" somehow. (*p*) So am I. (*q*) They do, most of 'em, suit exactly. (*r*) You can't have 'em. They are *home missionary* boxes. But you may have what is better: you and your elect ladies may still have the privilege of keeping at their highly valued service in this line as long as you and they live. (*s*) That won't work. You'll *not get them*. (*t*) Doubt no longer, but keep hopefully, joyously, at the box business, along with generous offerings to the Treasury.

A LIVING SALARY PROMPTLY PAID.

IN a recent number of *The Home Missionary*, I read these earnest words to the churches: "PAY YOUR MISSIONARY A LIVING SALARY AND PAY IT PROMPTLY." When I read this I exclaimed, "That's good! Would that it might be read by the whole membership of the Church of Christ!" That word "PROMPTLY" means more to us than our eastern friends can possibly comprehend. The delay is not only a severe hardship to the missionary, but a sad hindrance to the work. By way of emphasizing this and some other truths of like nature, permit me to give a little of my own experience, which is being silently and constantly enacted by the other brethren in these new centers of population.

In March, 1887, I came to a new and rapidly growing county-seat on the Kansas frontier. The harvest of 1886 had been a failure. The people, however, were young and hopeful, and looked forward to a good season in 1887, the prospects for which were all that could be desired, until the dreaded hot winds again swept across the country, and burned up the corn and blighted the hopes of the whole community. This sad end to hard-earned anticipations found our struggling church in the act of building its new house of worship.

Great depression followed this blow, and as a church we had to suffer, the subscribers being unable to pay their promised donations. However, we kept at the work, the writer traveling, either in the saddle or in the buggy, hundreds of miles across the lonely prairies, in order to raise money for the building, and we finished the church in the spring of this year. The winter over, the farmers seemed inspired with renewed hope and courage, and put more corn than usual into the ground. The outlook was most favorable; "crops never looked so well," but alas! again came the fearful scorching winds and destroyed the corn.

In a day's time the change wrought upon the faces of the people was sad to behold. All who could leave the country commenced preparations and soon departed. It was the third complete failure of ALL crops in three successive years.

The storekeepers at once felt the turn of things, and saw no chance of their old accounts being paid up. All who were compelled to stay saw a hard winter before them, for which they prepared by reducing all expenses to a minimum. As is generally the case, *church expenses were brought down as near to a cipher as possible*. The pastor felt this; he really could not face a reduction—how could he stand the winter? All he had received from the field during his eighteen months' work was less than \$400. On the other hand, he had been obliged to provide himself with a horse, saddle, and buggy, in order to reach the many neglected parts of his wide field, which, together with the feed he had bought dur-

ing that period, cost him out of his own slender pocket-book \$350. He had to pay \$12 per month for a mere-shell-of-a-three-roomed house, only weather-boarded, with one coat of rough plaster on, and no water accommodation. To add to the burdens he did not like but felt he must bear, he borrowed money at the bank at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per month, that he might give it to the church-building fund and so pay pressing bills, and at the same time inspire others to give more financial help. Meanwhile the pastor is not paid up on time. He knows the distress of his people, and it is hard for him to press them for his money. But one bright hope sustains him: his quarter is up, his home missionary draft is due, and the several bills he is owing in town can be paid with honor. He reads the urgent appeals for money, from the great hearts in the Bible House,—money that they need to pay their men, and he wonders how long he will have to wait for his draft—and he keeps on wondering until, six, seven, or eight weeks after it is due, he suddenly finds the long looked for money in his hand, and hope in his heart, and tears of thankfulness in his eyes. When you consider the minimum expenses of a family of four in winter, with rent to pay, and a horse to keep, you will understand why I want to lay special emphasis upon that word “PROMPTLY.” Since I have been a Home Missionary, never before, have I known what it is to be ashamed to meet my grocer and others from whom I have been compelled to seek credit in order to live.

Sometimes I see these words in a newspaper: “Home Missionaries have an easy time of it!” If only the brethren on the frontier would say one half of what they could say, such an assertion would never appear again. I greatly appreciate what some of them do say in *The Home Missionary*, and I thank God that my lot is easier than theirs. But to those who say we have an “easy” time let me ask: Is it easy to live in a house that allows the snow to blow in half across the rooms? to have the oil freeze in the lamp while it is burning? to have the little ones crying with the cold, and be compelled to dress them up indoors with their warmest outdoor clothing, mittens included, that they may be kept from crying because of the cold? to have no coal in the place, with the thermometer at 24° below zero?

We know what it is to travel thirty miles and more in the saddle or in the buggy, and preach three or four times in the day, Sabbath after Sabbath—to be at times nearly frozen while traveling to or from meetings, or for a change to be wet through to the skin, and obliged to preach in that condition. Is it an easy thing for a man to eat and sleep in places which make him shudder, in order to win some soul for Christ? It is surely not an enviable thing to be compelled to do most of one’s reading and studying, either in the buggy or the saddle, and then *stand up and preach* before college graduates and others from the East, who can, and do criticise, as freely as those in the oldest States.

I cannot think it easy to go about with one's pocket-book empty for weeks at a time, or to go without meat in the family for a week at a stretch, because we have no money. We know what it is to long intensely for books which are very essential in the work, without any possibility of getting them. No, no, it is NOT "easy."

If a man stands to consider the things he is called to pass through in this work—especially when he has left a business and good prospects, in order to prepare himself for this special work for the Master, he may well look upon the step he has taken as a foolish one. *But he looks at the other side, and sees that these light afflictions are as nothing compared to the joys and hopes* which the privilege of helping on this grand and noble work affords. There is something inspiring in the work itself, for it is God's work; but there is no romance in it, except to those who live 2,000 miles away.

The true, soul-loving missionary anticipates hardships. He is ready to fight, in Christ's name, all the evils which present themselves on the frontier, but he dreads to encounter that terrible evil which is the outcome of being tardily paid. *He dreads debt*; it binds his tongue and makes his heart sore. Oh, Christian friends, in the name of our Master, make it possible to "Pay him a living salary, and to pay it PROMPTLY." So shall you cheer his heart, and make him a better missionary.—*A Home Missionary in Kansas.*

WE suggest to those who are studying the home missionary fields, as they appear in *The Home Missionary*, that a copy or two of the "Kansas Telephone" will furnish useful material in the study of "Home Missionary Kansas." Five cents will secure a copy of this wide-awake paper from its editor and publisher, Rev. R. D. Parker, Manhattan, Kansas. We heartily indorse the message of Rev. Addison Blanchard to the "Christians of Kansas:" "DEAR BRETHREN: In my opinion the best missionary we have in Kansas is the *Telephone*, and Brother Parker is but continuing his home missionary work in publishing it."

A GOOD IDEA.—SUPERINTENDENT BROAD has recently sent a package of selected home missionary literature to every pastor in the State. The literature is enclosed in a neat pasteboard case, appropriately marked, which is designed to assist the pastors in preserving this and other home missionary literature that will be sent to them from time to time by the Superintendent. The pastors, uniformly, are returning thanks to the Superintendent for this valuable aid in preparing home missionary addresses.—*Kansas Telephone.*

THE MISSOURI PELT FUND.

ON the 29th of October we reported a total of \$106.36.

NOVEMBER.

The next contributor hailed from Minneapolis, Minn., who sent \$5. Then came on Nov. 3, \$4.40 from the children of the Mission Band, Plymouth Congregational Church, Omaha, Neb., to become "temporary owners of that valuable skin just a few moments."—Nov. 11, Bridgeport, Ct. "A few of us here are interested in that Pelt, and have gathered \$3.50 for it."—Nov. 24, Westport, Mass. "A minister and a friend want to hold that Pelt a minute at fifty cents each."—Nov. 28, Topsfield, Mass. "At our last Missionary Concert the story of the Pelt was read, and we took up a collection of \$3.15."—Nov. 28, Cummington, Mass. "Please find inclosed \$1 for the privilege of owning the Pelt a few moments. This is a small thank-offering—but God knows my heart."

DECEMBER.

Dec. 2, St. Louis, Mo. "A member of Pilgrim Church, \$1.50. This money belonged to a baby daughter whom Christ has taken to himself. After four years I find myself ready to part with it for His cause in this way."—Dec. 7, Bridgeport, Ct. A Boy's Mission Circle send \$3 to own the Pelt "a short time."—Dec. 8, Torrington, Ct. \$1. "That Missouri woman's offering makes us venture our mite."—Dec. 9, Maine, N. Y. \$1.—Dec. 19, San Diego, Cal. \$5 for the Pelt Fund. "That Missouri woman ought to be made a Life Member of the A. H. M. S."—Dec. 24, Hartford, Ct. "Last evening at our Christmas Concert of the Windsor Ave. Sunday-school, a desire was expressed for a few moments' ownership of the Missouri Pelt. A collection was taken amounting to \$9."—Dec. 25, Vermont, \$1. "A widow's mite to the Pelt Fund."—Dec. 26, Mt. Pleasant, W. T. "Hoping that the cause of Christ may be prospered more and more, we send you half a dollar to own that Pelt awhile."—Dec. 26, Cherokee, Ia. "Please add the inclosed \$1 to the Missouri Pelt Fund from one who will with God's help do what she can for his dear cause."—Dec. 27, Rochester, N. Y. "Please credit the inclosed \$15 to the Missouri Pelt, for it is the earnestness of that woman, under God, that inspires me to send it."—Dec. 30, Hamilton, Ill., Forty cents.—Dec. 31, Farmington, Ct., \$7.—Dec. 31, Castleton, Vt. "Two friends, \$10. An old bonnet, already worn six winters, and an old suit good for one more winter, give us a chance to send this."

JANUARY.

Jan. 4, Springfield, Vt., Fifty-six cents.—Jan. 7, Sharon, Ct., Forty cents.—Jan. 7, Stillman Valley, Ill., \$1.35.—Jan. 7, Windsor, Vt., \$5.

—Jan. 8, Farmington, Ct. Congregational Sunday-school, "Pelt Fund Box," \$50. "We only wish it was \$100,000!"—Jan. 8, Fairmont, Neb. "The Jr. Y. P. S. C. E. of our church desire the inclosed \$1.25, which is their Christmas gift to the Lord, to be added to the Missouri Pelt Fund."—Jan. 11, Orange City, Fla. "Inclosed please find \$1.71 for the Pelt Fund from six little girls from loaned pennies for six months. Some bought calico and made holders, which they sold; some sold flowers, others wiped dishes and 'helped mamma.' One of these little girls has given herself to the Savior this week. The others, save the youngest, are all Christians, and we hope they may be faithful laborers in the vineyard of our Lord, all their lives."—Jan. 12, Farwell, Mich. \$1.55 from the W. H. M. S. of the Congregational Church.—Jan. 13, Stoneham, Mass. "The inclosed \$8 was taken up at a Missionary Concert for the Missouri Pelt Fund which we would like to own a moment."—Jan. 14, Harlan, Ia. "Inclosed please find \$5.16, the first offering of our Jr. Y. P. S. C. E., raised by their rendering 'To the Rescue.' They wish the money credited to the Pelt Fund."—Jan. 18, Boscawen, N. H. "My little brother Ralph and I have earned fifty cents for the Missouri Pelt Fund. Ralph is eight, and I am twelve."—Jan. 20, Oakland, Cal. "We have followed the history of the Missouri Pelt, and wish to give our tithe toward swelling that wonderful Chestnut. When it bursts in February, may the dollars that roll out gladden the heart of your treasurer. Inclosed please find \$10 from the Plymouth Ave. Sunday-school of Oakland. If we are so fortunate as to be the last owners of the Pelt please notify us, and we will, perhaps, start it off in another direction."—Jan. 21, Los Angeles, Cal. \$5 from the Southern Gleaners.—Jan. 21, Whately, Mass. "A Sunday-school class of girls have been very much interested in the story of the Missouri Pelt, and send their mite, \$2, to help; hoping they are not too late to own it a moment."—Jan. 21, Newburyport, Mass. \$5 from a Sunday-school class in the North church. "Is the Fund closed? Please tell us what sum was obtained."—Jan. 22, Brooklyn, N. Y. A friend, ten cents.—Jan. 22, Milford, Ct., \$1.—Jan. 23, M. H. M. S., \$9.—Jan. 25, Windsor, Mass., \$1.—Jan. 30, Mansfield, Ct., \$6. "I do want to own that Pelt a moment!"—Jan. 30, Pepperell, Mass. "The Ladies' Benevolent Society contribute \$5 to the Pelt Fund desiring to own it a few days. How God in his mercy has blessed that poor woman!"—Jan. 31, North Prairie, Wis., \$1.—Jan. 31, Providence, R. I., \$1.

FEBRUARY.

Feb. 2, Beverly, Mass. "Inclosed please find \$7.50 for the Missouri Pelt Fund, from a class of young ladies in the Congregational Sunday-school of this place. Their teacher is pleased to add that this contribu-

tion is the result of one lesson on Home Missions taken in the place of the regular quarterly review."—Feb. 2, West St. Paul, Minn. \$1 from "The Bethany Gleaners, a missionary society of young girls who were very much interested in the story of the Missouri Pelt Fund, and who are anxious to become temporary owners of the Pelt. With prayer for many blessings on the poor woman's gift, and hoping to do more in the future for the A. H. M. S., we are yours in the work."—Feb. 3, Ellington, Ct., \$1.—Feb. 28, Camp Creek, Neb. \$10.—Feb. 28, New York City, \$1.

THE LAST CONTRIBUTION.

THE last contribution to the Missouri Pelt Fund is a "special ten cent stamp for quick delivery," labeled "For the Missouri Pelt Fund, from Miss Harriet N. Morris In the Name of the KING'S GARDENERS." This is a society of young people who gather seeds for sale to help the cause of missions. Central office, 9 Murray Street, New York City. Upon receiving notice that the ownership of the Pelt had fallen to the King's Gardeners, Miss Morris sends the following message:

"I am indebted to "Philo" for my first interest in the MISSOURI PELT which will now be made, at the suggestion of the Editor of *The Home Missionary*, into a purse,—a mammoth purse. It will be in the possession of the KING'S GARDENERS for one year, after which time—well, I leave it with those whose hearts have been stirred as mine has been, to say what they will have done with the purse *after* 1889.

If the home missionaries, and all the friends of Home Missions, will tell their little friends that they can help fill the MISSOURI PELT PURSE with GOLD for the King's treasury, it will not surprise us to find it full before the next anniversary of the time when the wise men brought their gifts, gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Little dull pennies can be turned to GOLD, if a hundred little people will send them; fifty two-cent postage stamps can be turned to GOLD if fifty fathers and mothers will part with them; seeds sent us [King's Gardeners, 9 Murray Street, New York] can be sold, and turned to GOLD for the King. What little man or woman will tell this to ten, and then be one of that ten to send something, though ever so little, for the King's Treasury? Who will be little gardeners for the King this year and send the harvest to be sold for Him who wants us to tell the good news to all the world?—*Harriet N. Morris.*

Received on account of the "Missouri Pelt Fund," February, 1888—February, 1889, \$337.

The story of the Missouri Pelt will be given entire in the May issue of *The Home Missionary*, but it may be mentioned in this connection

that the donor of the "Pelt" has had the privilege of adding three life members to the A. H. M. S., and has herself been made a life member of the Woman's Home Missionary Union of Connecticut. What lesson may be learned by the readers of *The Home Missionary*, from the simple faith of this hidden, humble disciple?

KANSAS, December, 1888.

WHEN I received your letter last evening telling me of the unavoidable delay in the payment of my salary, my first thought was, How kind and thoughtful of the Secretaries to notify me. How well they know that suspense is harder to bear than the reality. What a heavy burden of responsibility and anxiety they carry! I hope every brother who receives the message that has come to me will write at once to these harassed Secretaries, and say: "Dear Brothers, cheer up! The Lord still lives! Our Society is safe in His hands. He is only trying your faith. Let us wait and trust."

Woman's Department.

JESUS said unto her, "Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, THOU SHOULDEST SEE THE GLORY OF GOD?"

Beloved, hast THOU yet to learn that "If thou canst believe—ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM THAT BELIEVETH?"

"BE NOT AFRAID—ONLY BELIEVE."

ALLUSION is frequently made to the missionary societies, home and foreign, in which women are now deeply interested, and to the emancipation of life out of comparative narrowness and selfishness into that love and sacrifice for others which inevitably follow hearty participation in this work. How the thoughts and desires of the women of our churches have changed since more fervently they have prayed—and worked and given as they prayed—"Thy kingdom come! Somehow the problem has been solved as to how the children can be properly cared for and yet the women attend missionary meetings. It must be that the explanation of the Scotchman was correct: "If it's o' the Lord, do ye no see that they can do it and mind the bairns too?"—*Mrs. Addison Blanchard, in The Beacon.*

IDAHO.—The First Congregational Church of Pocatello, Idaho, was dedicated February 3d. Superintendent Hawkes explained how a missionary came to be settled at Pocatello. Rev. W. H. Bonnell, the pastor, gave a brief sketch of the work. Among other things he said that the church had been built by the gifts of a great many people, to whom he rendered a grateful and graceful tribute. He told of a special gift of an organ from Springfield, Mass., and of a chandelier from Feeding Hills, Mass. The chairs were the gift of E. P. Blickensderfer, and the curtains were presented by L. A. West. Superintendent Hawkes preached the sermon. After expressing his gratification at the rapid progress of the work, he addressed a crowded house upon the words, "Come, for all things are now ready." There is a flourishing Sunday-school connected with this frontier church. When Mrs. Bonnell took the infant class last June, it numbered seven; at last accounts her class numbered thirty-five. The congregations are so large that quite a number of children are obliged to sit upon the edge of the platform, and those who cannot secure this privilege stand. Let us not forget these pioneer missionaries who are bravely struggling with an immense field. The possibilities are great, if the work, so nobly begun, may be carried on.

Do you subscribe for one periodical on the following list? Will you send it to a Home Missionary for a second reading? Or would you prefer to secure for your brother at the front a copy "fresh from the office?" Address "Editor of *The Home Missionary*, Bible House, New York," and receive a name for one of the following: *Bibliotheca Sacra*, *Our Day*, *New Englander*, *Homiletic Review*, *Forum*, *Pulpit Treasury*, *Quarterly Review*, and *Pulpit of To-day*. There are families who would give glad welcome to *The Independent*, *Advance*, *Harpers' Monthly*, and *The Century*, and any attractive weekly or monthly for the missionary children.

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RIVAL CHURCHES IN SMALL TOWNS.

In some minds the force of the recent loud calls for more home mis-

sionaries is weakened by the suspicion of a large waste of those we have by unholy rivalry between denominations.

That such rivalry exists here and there is certain. It ought to cease. Let there be a "Christian League of Connecticut" and of CHRISTENDOM. Said dear Dr. Zachary Eddy, "I think our Lord loves his people of various names *about alike*." Why not love thy Presbyterian neighbor as thy Congregational self? Though Canaan be divided for conquest, "Judah" need not "*vex Ephraim*," nor vice versa.

But there is *less* of this waste than many suppose. Three years ago Superintendent Warren, of Michigan, said that *three fourths* of the Congregational churches (home missionary?) of Michigan were the first on the ground, and that there was then but one Congregational home missionary church in any town having also a Presbyterian home missionary church. The A. H. M. S. is scarcely chargeable with crowding in this, the chiefest of its home missionary fields, nor need be, while this State, like others West, has more places *wholly gospelless* than ministers to fill them. Yet a dozen ministers about to move buzzing at the ears of church committees may *seem* more than the swarm quietly working in the hive.

Nor is all apparent waste, real. We need variety. Methodists win some whom we cannot reach. If Paul was "all things to all men," we should be several things, "that by all means" we "may save some." The skillful fisherman uses several hooks and varied baits. If Satan plays upon and adapts his snares to different tastes and temperaments, shall not we so adapt the Gospel? Wise "fishers of men" will not economize baits at the cost of "bites." Two churches in a village *may* save more souls than one. Wholesome emulation may stimulate work. Two stores may sell more goods than one.

Selfish and unwholesome church rivalry is lessening steadily by interdenominational agreement between home missionary organizations and by a growing unity of the Spirit and of coöperation, as both shown and cultivated by the Evangelical Alliance.

Meantime no society can *compel* Baptists, Methodists and Congregationalists in every village to unite, that a pastor may be spared to go to another place. The A. H. M. S. *does* refuse to commission a man where in its best judgment he is not needed. *Under such restriction* we still need hundreds more ministers than the seminaries furnish yearly. The American Education Society must by the churches be enabled to help more men into the ministry. Indeed, it is often *because* we have not ministers enough to feed the churches we plant, that they weaken *and thus invite* other denominations to crowd in upon them. *The more good ministers, the fewer needless churches!*

Appointments in February, 1889.

Not in Commission last year.

Bushell, Richard, Mound City, So. Dak.
Cable, G. A., Fertile, Mentor and Maple City, Minn.
Davies, David E., Sprague, Wash. Ter.
Forgeson, Cecelius O., Tacoma, Wash. Ter.
Hamlin, Walter S., Cameron, Mo.
King, Francis, Weaverville, Cal.
Lundgren, Fred., Ludington, Mich.
Mintier, James H., Springfield and Lamberton, Minn.
Mints, Benjamin D., Letcher and Firesteel, So. Dak.
Parsons, James F., Alba, Mich.
Reiter, David H., Mancelona, Mich.
Roberts, William D., St. Paul, Minn.
Sherrill, Alvin F., Atlanta, Ga.
Washington, A. G., Stephen, Minn.
Watt, David G., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Weston, Geo. D., Rapid River, Mich.
Wilcox, William C., Eldred and Barryville, N. Y.
Winslow, Jacob, Leona, Kan.

Re-commissioned.

Batthey, George J., Canova and Dover Township, So. Dak.
Bickford, Levi F., Buena Park, Cal.
Blease, William H., West Pittston and Exeter, Penn.
Brodhead, William H., Denver, Col.
Champlin, Oliver P., Rushford, Minn.
Chauncy, Lucian W., Morristown, Minn.
Crawford, John C., Nickerson, Kan.
Dickinson, Samuel W., Minneapolis, Minn.
Donovan, David, Little Falls, Minn.
Downs, Allison O., Charlevoix and Ironton, Mich.
Edwards, Thomas M., Webster, So. Dak.
Edwards, William, Ft. Abercrombie, No. Dak.

Ewing, William, Gen. Miss'y work in No. Dak.
Field, Frederick A., Los Angeles, Cal.
Fisk, Pliny B., Cresbard and Myron, So. Dak.
Fowler, Olin L., Christopher, Wash. Ter.
Frink, Lemuel T., Maybee and Raisinville, Mich.
Furman, William F., Montevideo, Minn.
Gilman, William L., Harmon, Colo.
Goodsell, Dennis, Murphy's, Cal.
Griffith, William, Sykeston, No. Dak.
Horst, George, St. Louis, Mo.
Howell, James, Big Bend, Wash. Ter.
Howells, Anthony H., Port Angeles, Wash. Ter.
Howells, E. D., Adin, Cal.
McArthur, William W., Ada, Minn.
Macomber, Hiram J., Custer, So. Dak.
Magill, Thomas, Reno, Nev.
Nicol, John, Baldwin, Mich.
Nichols, Danforth B., La Grange, So. Dak.
Nordstrom, Daniel, Rush City, Minn.
Pluch, Pearse, Newton, Kan.
Powelson, Alfred P., Ellensburg, Wash. Ter.
Preston, Riley L. D., Sherburne and Triumph, Minn.
Richards, Samuel, Riverdale, Mo.
Rollins, John C., Buffalo, Wyo.
Rounce, Joseph S., Rose Creek and Lyle, Minn.
Ruddock, Charles A., Benson, Minn.
Small, Charles H., Mt. Pleasant, D. C.
Smedley, Merlin T., Jennings, La.
Stevens, Frank V., Wellington, Kan.
Thomson, Robert J., Baltimore, Md.
Todd, John W., Barnesville, Minn.
Welch, Moses C., Pomona, Fla.
Wheat, Nathaniel M., Vinita, Ind. Ter.
Whitby, Henry J., Pittston, Penn.
Wilcox, Warren P., Ada and East Paris, Mich.
Williams, John, Bangor, Penn.
Wolcott, William H., South Riverside, Cal.
Wrigley, Francis, Tracy, Walnut Grove and Custer, Minn.

Receipts in February 1889.

MAINE—\$1,151.85.

Augusta, Mrs. Joel Spalding, to const.
Mary B. Spalding, E. Spalding,
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Spalding, L. M. \$200 00
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Cherryfield, J. W. Coffin 250 00
Gorham, Ladies' H. M. Soc. of First
Ch., special, by Mrs. G. W. Reynolds
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Machias, Center Street Ch., A. L.
Heaton 10 00
Newcastle, Second, by Rev. C. D.
Crane, to const. Mrs. Joel Huston
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Portland, Williston Ch., by G. F.
Thurston, to const. Mrs. L. H. Hal-
lock, Mrs. John H. True, G. F.
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NEW HAMPSHIRE—\$1,313.73.

Received by L. D. Stevens, Treas. N.
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Atkinson, Cong. S. S. \$4 00
Durham 20 00
Epping, to const. Dr. F. W.
Spalding a L. M. 60 26
Dr. F. W. Spalding, to
const. his wife Abby T.
Spalding a L. M. 50 00

Exeter, Second \$125 41
Manchester, First, to const.
T. G. Sweatt and Mary F.
Dana L. M. 102 24
Franklin Street Ch. 260 50
Northwood, Young People's
H. M. Soc., special 10 00
Pembroke 20 00
Stratham 10 00
Tilton, Primary S. S. Class
of Miss H. A. Forrest,
for Children's Bohemian
Fund 5 00
Concord, A Friend 671 41
Hillsborough Bridge, Mrs. C. B.
Burnham 5 00
Hollis, Y. P. S. C. E., \$3; Cong. S. S.,
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Rev. S. L. Gerould 28 00
J. Frey, Y. P. S. C. E., by Georgia A.
Bigelow 2 41
Lyme, by S. S. Grant 18 39
Milford, First Ch., by Dea. A. C.
Crosby, to const. Rev. W. A. Thomas,
Miss Josie S. Fiske, and Miss H. A.
Foster L. M. 170 00
North Amherst, E. D. Boylston, to
const. Rev. A. J. McGown and
Mrs. A. J. McGown L. M. 100 00
Peterboro, Union Evan. Ch., by C.
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Mrs. C. C. Porter.....	5 00
Northfield, Legacy of Abigail T. Wells, by Rev. M. H. Wells, Ex.....	1,000 00
Plymouth Co., A Friend.....	300 00
Plymouth Co., A Friend.....	10 00
Quincy, J. H. Wieble.....	1 00
Rochester, "E. F. L., One of the 999,999.....	1 00
Sheffield, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., by Miss Carrie F. Vosburgh.....	8 11
South Amherst, Woman's H. M. Soc. by Mrs. J. W. Blodgett, in full, to const. Mrs. P. S. Boyd a L. M.....	25 75
South Hadley, Mount Holyoke Sem. Teachers and Pupils, by Miss Sarah H. Melvin.....	30 00
South Hadley Falls, Friends.....	10 00
Spencer, First Ch., Salary Fund, by F. E. Dunton.....	100 00
Springfield, S. Morris Coe.....	10 09
Stockbridge, a Lady Friend.....	5 00
Ware, East Cong. S. S., by F. S. Fox Webster, Friends.....	25 00
Westboro, A Friend.....	17 00
West Boylston, C. T. White.....	1 00
West Newton, from "Pax," "One of the Million".....	1 40
Worcester, "O. P. J.".....	2 00
Friends.....	50 00
One of the 999,999.....	5 00
One of the 999,999.....	1 00
RHODE ISLAND—\$280.64.	
Pawtucket, by E. R. Bullock.....	209 48
Providence, Union Ch., by C. H. Leonard.....	76 66
Tiverton, Ann E. Brown.....	3 50
CONNECTICUT—\$2,688.63.	
Miss. Soc. Conn. W. W. Jacobs, Treas., by Rev. W. H. Moore.....	816 54
Received by F. T. Jarman, New Ha- ven, United Ch., for Debt.....	188 92
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Fairfield, Ladies of Cong. Ch. and Parish, by Miss A. B. Nichols, for Salary Fund.....	18 42
Hartford, First Ch., Boys' Christian Assoc., by E. R. Willard, for Salary Fund.....	17 00
New Britain, South Ch., Prim. Class of S. S., by E. H. Case, for Salary Fund.....	10 00
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Bethany, by Dea. C. Horstfall.....	105 00
Bethel, A Friend.....	3 00
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Coventry, A. Kingsbury.....	200 00
East Windsor, First Cong. S. S., by Rev. H. Billman.....	10 00

Ellington, Mrs. C. Bradley, for Mo. Pelt Fund.	\$1 00	Clifton Springs, Mrs. W. W. Warner.	\$1 00
Enfield, First Cong. S. S., by N. A. Parsons.	18 75	Gainesville, Ladies' Aux.	15 00
The "Gleaners," by Miss M. E. Neelane, in full, to const. Mrs. Samuel Neelane a L. M.	25 00	Gloversville, Ladies' Aux. Memorial of Mrs. G. V. Place.	50 00
Farmington, First, by H. W. Barbour.	21 68	Homer, Mrs. B. W. Payne.	5 00
Glastonbury, George G. Williams, to const. himself a L. M.	100 00	Barryville and Eldred, by Rev. W. C. Wilcox.	11 38
Granby, First, by M. A. Colton.	8 34	Bridgewater, by Rev. C. W. Drake.	18 00
South Ch., by C. P. Loomis.	28 50	Brooklyn, New England Cong. Ch. and S. S., to const. John M. Stearns a L. M.	50 00
Ladies' Miss. Soc. of Cong. Ch., by Rev. C. C. Campbell.	13 35	East New York, Aux. Pacific Ch., by T. J. Watson.	5 00
Griswold, by C. H. Peck, for Salary Fund.	100 00	Church of the Pilgrims, by J. P. Dilke.	909 79
Hadlyme, Ch., \$5; R. E. Hungerford, \$5.	10 00	Puritan Ch., special, by E. Naab.	8 00
Hanover, by Rev. L. H. Higgins, for Salary Fund.	25 00	A Widow's Mite, \$1; Mrs. F. W. Everest, \$5; A Friend, \$12.	18 00
Hartford, Mrs. J. W.	40	Canandaigua, First, by Dr. C. T. Mitchell.	76 35
Meriden, First Ch., special, Friend, by W. H. Catlin.	5 00	By E. G. Tyler.	54 32
A Friend, for Debt.	10 00	Ellington, Mrs. H. Rice, by Rev. L. Harlow.	5 00
N. T.	3 00	Fairport, by Mrs. M. Olney.	30 00
Middletown, Boys' Miss. Soc. of South Ch., by Master Neddle C. Douglas.	10 00	Hamilton, A Member of Cong. Ch., by O. S. Campbell.	5 00
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New Haven, Y. P. S. C. E. of the Davenport Ch., by Sarah T. Landfear.	10 00	Middletown, A drop in the bucket.	5 00
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From Students of Yale Theo. Sem., by F. H. Means.	72 85	New York City, Pilgrim Ch., by H. N. Lockwood.	141 04
New Preston, Village S. S., by S. Cogswell.	8 38	Welsh Ch., by Rev. E. J. Morris.	17 00
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Salisbury, by Rev. J. B. C. Goddard.	26 75	New York State, A Friend.	50 00
Somersville, by E. C. Chapman.	29 37	Northville, by J. H. Downs.	37 15
Southport, Mrs. Edwin Sherwood, to const. Mary A. Sherwood a L. M.	50 00	Patchogue, J. S. Havens.	8 00
Stamford, First, by E. B. Hoyt.	63 72	Pekin, Miss. Abigail Peck.	5 00
A Friend.	10 00	Poughkeepsie, Mrs. A. S. Banfield, for Salary Fund.	25 00
Stratford, Unknown Friend.	40 00	A Little Boy, by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.	1 00
Trumbull, Cong. S. S., for S. S. Work, by Rev. N. T. Merwin.	20 00	Richmond Hill, by J. A. Smith.	15 00
Turnerville, From one of the 999,999.	1 00	Rochester, by Rev. G. E. Soper.	23 86
Westbrook, S. S., by A. A. Wilcox.	15 00	Rodman, J. S. Bill.	5 00
Whitneyville, S. S., for Salary Fund, by Cornelia B. Gilbert.	25 00	Salamanca, Helping Hand Miss. Soc. of First Ch., by Myrtle A. Hoag.	5 00
Winchester, by E. B. Bronson.	5 00	Sayville, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., for Debt, by A. R. Comstock.	11 37
Winthrop, Mrs. A. P. Curtis, \$1; A Friend, \$1.50.	2 50	Syracuse, Rev. G. Lusty.	1 00
Woodstock, First Ch., by H. T. Childs and in full, to const. C. M. Greene a L. M.	23 00	Union Falls, F. E. Duncan.	10 00
		Woodville, by J. H. Wood.	12 00
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Cortland, Mrs. M. A. Sell.	\$6 00	Closter, Ladies' Ch. Assoc. of Cong. Ch., by Rev. F. A. Johnson.	2 36
Homer, Mrs. E. G. Ranney.	1 00	Montclair, Y. P. S. C. E., by T. C. Watkins.	8 50
Madrid.	2 00	Orange, Mrs. G. W. Snow.	10 00
Otto.	10 00	Roselle, A Friend, for Debt.	50 00
Syracuse, Pilgrim Chapel.	2 15	M. W. Ferris.	5 00
A Friend.	5 00		
Utica, Plymouth Ch.	10 00		
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Received by Mrs. L. H. Cobb.		Slatton, Welsh Ch., by Rev. W. H. Jones.	5 00
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Ch., by Mrs. Della C. Perham, for
Salary Fund..... 25 00**GEORGIA—\$107.00.**Received by Miss V. Holmes, Treas.
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Atlanta, Ch. of Redeemer, \$25 00
Barnesville, Fredonia Ch. 9 00Atlanta, H. M. Soc. of the Ch. of the
Redeemer, by Mrs. C. M. Rath-
burn..... 23 00Thomasville, Mrs. H. G. Hackett, to
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Orr..... 85 52**FLORIDA—\$85.89.**Received by Mrs. L. C. Partridge,
Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:
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for Debt..... 13 37Jacksonville, Mrs. A. W. Chadwick,
by J. Chapman..... 5 00

Mt. Dora, by Rev. J. H. Jenkins..... 61 21

Orlando, by Rev. M. Noble..... 3 00

Sisco, by Rev. M. C. Welch..... 3 31

TEXAS—\$2.00.

Greenock, S. B. Holsington..... 2 00

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Tucson, by Rev. H. H. Cole..... 50 00

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Welch Ch., by Rev. J. H. Frazee.... 20 00

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Dodge..... 20 00**OHIO—\$1,314.10.**

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Richard E. Davies..... 5 67

Dover, Ch..... 27 00

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Baird..... 7 00Litchfield, \$15.06; Miss Susan
S. Button, \$1.10..... 16 18Mesopotamia, Ch. and S.
S., by C. N. Bates..... 6 00

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Sherman, by Mrs. D. M.
Jones..... \$3 00Springfield, First, by Rev.
S. P. Dunlap..... 22 00

Strongsville, by R. Gibbons..... 10 00

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York, by Rev. E. F. Baird..... 33 00

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Treas. Woman's H. M. Union:

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Center Ch..... 18 00W. H. M. S., Walnut Hills
Ch..... 32 38Marysville, Birth-day Fund
of Cong. S. S..... 10 00

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L. B. S..... 30 00

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Salem, Mrs. D. A. Allen..... 5 00

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Ch..... \$115 00

Ruggles..... 52 25

Springfield, Lagonda Ave-
nue Ch..... 50 00

217 25

Atwater, A Friend..... 126 00

Burton, Mrs. S. W. Ford..... 3 20

Chardon, J. E. Swift..... 2 00

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Ch., by Miss C. Hobart..... 50 00

Garrettsville, by H. N. Merwin..... 11 00

Oberlin, First Cong. S. S., by C. K.
Whitney..... 20 00

Second Ch., in part, by R. H. Birge..... 132 17

Pittsfield, by F. E. Young..... 12 00

Tallmadge, add'l, by W. Alling..... 4 44

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Coal Bluff, Rev. J. Hayes..... 1 00

Fremont, Ch., \$8; W. H. M. Union,
\$3.66, by Rev. J. R. Preston..... 11 66

Hobart, by Rev. D. W. Andrews..... 10 00

Soisberry, by Rev. J. B. Hughes..... 5 00

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Mrs. Mary L. Smallwood, by C. W.
Held..... 100 00

John Mabbs..... 5 00

N. H. W..... 5 00

Freeport, L. A. Warner..... 25 00

Geneseo, Mrs. A. E. Steeler..... 15 00

Hinsdale, Miss Jennie Craigmile..... 1 40

Normal, Mrs. P. E. Leach..... 5 00

Rockford, T. D. Robertson..... 100 00

Mrs. J. L. Page, \$10; Miss G. Page,
\$5..... 15 00

Rutland, Rev. L. Taylor..... 5 00

Springfield, Woman's Miss. Soc.,
First Ch., for Debt, by Miss Ellen
S. Edwards, to const. Mrs. H. S.
Dickerman & L. M..... 56 15

Wheaton, Mrs. D. H. King..... 7 00

MISSOURI—\$213.07.

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Kansas City, Clyde Ch..... \$1 90

Lebanon, L. H. M. S. of
Cong. Ch..... 15 00St. Joseph, L. H. M. S. of
Cong. Ch..... 10 00

St. Louis, Campton Hill... 1 00

Hyde Park..... 12 69

Springfield, L. H. M. S. of
German Ch..... 5 00

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Amity, by Rev. J. P. Field.....	\$15 00
Billings, Rev. C. Coombs.....	10 00
\$1.40; Nicholas Junction, \$6.60, by Rev. C. Coombs.....	10 00
Breckenridge and Utica, by Rev. D. C. McIntosh.....	8 00
De Soto, Cong. S. S., for Debt, by R. Coxwell.....	20 00
Eldon, by Rev. J. Vetter.....	2 50
Honey Creek and Kahoka, by Rev. G. Marsh.....	7 25
Lamar, by Rev. H. M. Cole.....	12 00
Riverdale, W. H. M. Soc., by Rev. S. Richards.....	3 00
St. Joseph, Tabernacle Ch., by T. H. Elfred.....	53 37
St. Louis, Ch. of the Redeemer, by Rev. G. M. Sanborne.....	21 36
Springfield, by Rev. J. F. Graf.....	5 00

MICHIGAN—\$1,938.02.

Received by Rev. L. Warren:	
Alpine and Walker Chs....	\$25 00
Bay City.....	24 25
Benzonia.....	18 08
Dea. A. Waters.....	15 00
Rev. J. S. Fisher.....	5 00
Cadillac.....	16 13
Chelsea, add'l.....	7 50
Hopkins.....	2 46
S. S. Nickel Fund.....	16 00
Hudson, Cong. S. S., special.....	2 05
Litchfield, A. K. Bushnell.....	10 00
Manistee, Ch.....	32 00
Somerseset, Cong. S. S., special.....	3 00
Union City, Dea. I. W. Clark.....	200 00
Whittaker.....	6 80

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Received by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, Treas. Woman's H. M. Soc.:	
Alba, special.....	\$17 00
for Salary Fund.....	8 49
Allegan, in full, to const. Mrs. Carrie E. Goodrich a L. M. J.....	36 50
Alpena.....	15 06
Augusta, Mrs. L. A. Van Antwerp, 76 c.; Mrs. Kent, 50 c.; Misses Edith and Libbie Swift, \$1.....	2 26
Bay City.....	13 31
Benzonia.....	4 32
Delta.....	3 90
Detroit, Fort Wayne Ch. Woodward Avenue, W. H. M. S.....	1 62
Dexter.....	25 00
East Saginaw.....	10 00
Essexville.....	68 00
Greenville.....	4 71
Hopkins.....	11 43
Jackson.....	2 25
Laingsburg.....	120 00
Mattawan.....	9 68
Mattawan.....	1 80
Memphis, \$5; A Friend, for the Debt, \$1.....	6 00
Reed City.....	17 07
Solon, Mrs. W. A. Hanaford.....	1 00
Somerseset.....	12 00
Tawas City.....	5 00
Three Oaks.....	25 43
Vicksburg.....	9 00
Wheatland.....	20 05

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North Star Mission:	
Alpine and Walker, S. S.....	4 50
Ann Arbor, Mrs. A. B. Min- er.....	25
Ashley, S. S.....	2 10
Augusta, S. S.....	3 74
Clinton, S. S.....	6 00

Detroit, S. S. of First Ch.....	\$36 75
Essexville, N. S. M. Band, \$1.26; S. S., 89 c.....	2 13
Flint, Y. P. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	10 00
"Willing Workers".....	10 00
Fruitport, S. S.....	10
Hubbardston, Y. P. S. C. E. Jackson, "Willing Work- ers," Mission Band.....	1 00
Kalamazoo, Y. P. S. C. E., for Salary Fund.....	10 00
Lawrence, S. S.....	6 00
Reed City, S. S.....	90
South Emmet, S. S., add'l.....	7 23
Watervliet, Stickney School- house.....	30

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Baldwin, by Rev. J. Nicol.....	554 1
Banks, \$6.63; Eastport, \$3.25, by Rev. P. F. McClelland.....	10 0
Batavia, \$4; South Union, \$4, by Rev. F. V. Hawley.....	9 1
Brainerd, Second, by Rev. H. O. Law- rence.....	8 0
Clio, by F. C. Wood.....	7 1
Columbus, by Rev. W. I. Hunt.....	15 1
Custer, Rev. P. M. Cripps.....	10 1
Detroit, First, by G. M. Lane.....	5
Woodward Avenue Ch., by C. A. Burr.....	400
East Lake, by Rev. W. Excell.....	167
Edmore, by Rev. H. Marsh.....	8
Fremont, by Rev. J. G. Hodges.....	4
Galesburg, S. S., by Rev. D. M. Lewis Garden, Fayette, and Nahma, by Rev. W. C. Hunter.....	14
Hart, by Rev. M. A. Kelsey.....	2
Kendall, by Rev. H. C. Huribut.....	35
Kendall and Mattawan, by Rev. E. A. Spence.....	7
Laingsburg, S. H. Manzee.....	37
Leland, \$10; Northport, \$10; Omena, \$10.41, by Rev. C. D. Banister.....	30
Leonidas, \$8.09; Mendon, \$5.15, by Rev. T. M. Auks.....	1 1
Perry, by Rev. O. C. Bailey.....	2
Raisinville, \$6.50; Maybee, \$3.80, by Rev. L. T. Frink.....	10
Romeo, Mrs. G. A. Waterbury.....	10
Rosedale, White Settlement and Hay Lake, by Rev. J. W. Holt.....	
Sheridan, by Rev. A. H. Chadfin.....	
Standish, by Rev. M. W. Tuck.....	
Stanton, First, by P. T. H. Pierson.....	1
Sugar Island, by Rev. C. H. Bur- roughs.....	
West Branch, by Rev. F. Bloomfield, by Rev. E. R. Latham.....	

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\$25.00.

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Clear Lake, by Rev. D. Magnus.....	
Manston, by Mary A. Loomis, Mrs. P. Barker, \$1; Mrs. C. W. Barney, \$1; Mrs. F. S. Veeder, \$1; Mrs. A. S. Wetherly, \$1; Mrs. McClung, 50 c.; Mrs. M. A. Loomis, \$1.....	
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Rice Lake, by Rev. O. H. Myhren.....	
Windsor, Rev. E. Butler.....	

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Burlington, First, by J. Stubbs.....	
by J. H. Merrill.....	
Cherokee, Y. P. S. C. E. of Cong. Ch., by M. A. Coakes.....	
Downey, M. A. Goodrich, for Debt.....	
Durant, Mrs. S. N. Dutton, The Widow's Mite, for Debt.....	

Jefferson, Rev. D. B. Eells.....	\$10 00
Muscatine, A Friend.....	4 40
Pleasant Grove, W. W. Williams.....	10 00
Wentworth, Isabel M. Kimball.....	5 00

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Alexandria.....	10 00
Lake City.....	10 00
Minneapolis, Como Ave.....	25 00
Park Avenue, King's Children.....	15 00
Plymouth, Rev. H. L. Chase.....	10 00
Waseca.....	5 25
Winona.....	59 90

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Austin.....	3 32
Anoka, S. S.....	5 00
Alexandria, S. S.....	7 09
Barnesville, S. S.....	2 81
Belgrade, S. S.....	5 40
Benson, L. M. S., \$4.55; S. S., \$1.70.....	6 25
Clearwater, S. S.....	2 31
Dexter, S. S.....	1 30
Duluth, Pilgrim L. M. S.....	20 00
Elk River, S. S.....	5 77
Excelsior, S. S.....	17 00
L. M. S., of which \$5.21, Salary Fund.....	10 42
Fergus Falls, "Cheerful Workers".....	5 00
Glyndon, S. S.....	5 25
Grand Meadow, S. S.....	3 00
Glencoe, "Banana Club".....	10 00
Hancock, S. S.....	7 00
Hawley, S. S., and Mission Band, for Bohemians.....	5 50
Little Falls, S. S.....	2 00
Lake City, S. S.....	27 00
Minneapolis, Plymouth "Societies".....	62 00
Special.....	6 50
First Cong. S. S.....	25 00
Vine S. S., \$6.36; Ch., \$5.....	11 35
Fifth Avenue, S. S.....	10 00
Open Door, S. S.....	3 75
People's Ch. W. H. M. S., Pilgrim L. M. S., for Salary Fund.....	7 50
Mazeppa, S. S., \$5.50; L. M. S., \$10.....	15 50
Medford, Ch., \$5; S. S., \$7.....	12 00
Montevideo, S. S., \$3; L. M. S., \$6.....	9 00
Mantorville, S. S.....	5 00
Mapleton, S. S.....	3 25
Northfield, S. S.....	7 19
Rushford, S. S., \$2; Gleaners, \$5.25.....	7 25
Rochester, S. S., \$20.28; Whatsoever Society, \$5.....	25 28
Rose Creek, S. S.....	2 00
St. Anthony Park, S. S.....	2 67
St. Cloud, S. S.....	3 35
Winona, Second Cong. S. S.....	50
Wadena, S. S.....	10 38
Waseca, S. S.....	5 50
West Dora, S. S., \$2.35; N. Lida S. S., \$1.65.....	4 00

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Received by Rev. D. Magnus:

Buffalo.....	\$3 50
Cannon Falls.....	2 10
Christine Lake.....	3 73
Dassel.....	3 45

Delano.....	\$1 75
Harris.....	6 73
Hoffman.....	2 00
Maple Ridge.....	2 00
Pike Lake.....	3 00
Upsala.....	5 00

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Fergus Falls.....	\$52 00
Hutchinson.....	27 00
Monticello.....	8 15
Pelican Rapids.....	18 25
Princeton.....	41 10
Worthington.....	57 80

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Princeton, by Rev. G. S. Lee.....

Rose Creek and Lyle, by Rev. L. T. Frink.....

West Dora, by Rev. J. L. Martin.....

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Winona, Cong. S. S., by D. W. Worthington.....

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Almena, Nickel Mine.....	\$6 75
Burlington.....	48 00
Caploma.....	12 70
Center Ridge, W. H. M.....	17 70
Mrs. G. L. Tucker, W. H. M.....	2 00
Rev. S. G. Wright.....	7 50
Diamond Springs.....	15 00
Fort Scott.....	40 00
Great Bend.....	6 50
Haven.....	2 64
Hawatha.....	19 00
Highland, Nickel Mine.....	5 00
Kinsley.....	10 00
Maple Hill, W. H. M.....	10 00
Mount Hope.....	7 45
Onaga.....	1 85
James H. Dow.....	5 00
Osawatomie.....	12 00
Rev. H. Hoddle.....	5 00
Six Mile.....	2 65
Wellsville.....	17 00

248 84

Chapman, by Rev. J. F. Smith.....

Council Grove, by Rev. L. Armsby.....

Eudora, Josie Anderson.....

Kirwin, by Rev. R. F. Markham.....

Leavenworth, by G. H. Hyde.....

Manhattan, by J. W. Blain.....

Two Members of the Cong. Ch., by Mrs. R. M. Tunnell.....

Mound City, by Rev. O. E. Lake.....

North Lawrence, \$10; Kanwaka, \$6; Barker, \$4, by Rev. T. F. Norris.....

Rush Center, by Rev. A. E. Seibert.....

Severy and Western Park, by Rev. J. Cooper.....

Sycamore, by Rev. H. C. Vrooman.....

Wabauonee, First Ch. of Christ, for Debt, \$8; Y. P. S. C. E., 75c., by J. F. Willard.....

Wichita, by Rev. T. W. Minnis.....

18 00

NEBRASKA—\$335.54.

Received by Rev. J. L. Malle:	
Ainsworth, A Friend.....	\$5 00 •
Ashland, by Dea. S. Carter	3 65
Exeter, by H. G. Smith.....	13 55
Fairfield, Cong. S. S., by G.	
A. Howe.....	13 00
By Rev. O. E. Harwood.....	43 65
Hastings, by Rev. L. P.	
Rose.....	8 00
Lincoln, First, by J. W.	
Bell.....	40 50
Nebraska City, Cong. S. S.,	
by J. B. Parmelee.....	4 50
York, by H. Seymour.....	55 00
	\$186 85

Received by Mrs. D. B. Perry, Treas.

Woman's H. M. Union:	
Beatrice.....	\$7 00
Clarks.....	3 93
Fremont, Seniors.....	10 08
Geneva.....	4 60
Hastings, Juvenile.....	20 00

\$45 61 232 46

Campbell, \$17.44; Bladin, \$7.56, by	
Rev. D. C. Smith.....	25 00
Camp Creek, S. S., by Dea. G. F.	
Lee, for Mo. Pelt Fund.....	10 00
Grand Island, Ch., \$10; Collections	
by Rev. D. W. Comstock, \$7.82..	17 83
Lake Side and Willow Valley, by	
Rev. W. D. J. Stevenson.....	2 73
Nebraska Chs. and Individuals, by	
Rev. D. W. Comstock.....	15 62
Reidsville, by Rev. J. P. Sparrow..	2 50
Rising City, \$15.25; Rev. W. P.	
Pease, \$9.75, by Rev. W. P. Pease	25 00
Silver Creek, by Rev. W. H. Hous-	
ton.....	1 15
Trenton, by Rev. U. C. Bosworth..	3 28

NORTH DAKOTA—\$10 00.

Hankinson, A Friend, by Rev. R. B.	
Evatt.....	10 00

SOUTH DAKOTA—\$262.77.

Received by Rev. C. W. Wurschmidt:	
Alpena and Woonsocket.....	\$15 00
Mitchell.....	15 00

\$30 00

Received by Rev. G. T. Holcombe:	
Deadwood.....	\$50 10
Hermosa.....	29 34

\$79 44

Alcester, \$15; Eden, \$2.50.....	17 50
Buffalo Gap, by Rev. E. E. Thome..	2 50
Custer, by Rev. H. J. Macomber....	4 40
Hermosa, by Rev. G. T. Holcomb....	27 09
Letcher and Firesteel, by Rev. B. D.	
Mints.....	6 78
Mueller and Ellendale, by Rev. H.	
Vogler.....	16 00
Palisades, \$5; Sherman, \$1.80, by	
Rev. C. D. Decker.....	6 80
Parkston, by Rev. G. Schnierle.....	9 00
Redfield, by S. B. Beardsley.....	25 00
Vermillion, by Rev. W. A. Lyman....	13 28
Yankton, by Rev. D. F. Bradley.....	25 00

WYOMING—\$2 00.

Glenrock, by Rev. H. Bross.....	2 00
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COLORADO—\$261.70.

Received by Rev. R. B. Wright:	
Cortez.....	\$6 35
Harman.....	5 00
Leadville.....	29 15
Newcastle.....	1 00

\$41 50

Colorado Springs, Woman's Miss.	
Soc., by Mrs. H. P. Campbell.....	25 00

Crested Butte, by Rev. E. Martin....	\$25 70
Denver, Tabernacle Ch., by Rev. T.	
A. Uzzell.....	65 00
Highland Lake, S. S. Miss. Soc., by	
H. Oviatt.....	8 85
Manitou Springs, Ch., by Rev. G.	
Michaels.....	16 00
Montrose, by Rev. E. B. Read.....	19 85
Otis and Hyde, by Rev. G. Dungan..	10 00
Telluride, Harry Nyce, special, by	
Rev. C. M. Sanders.....	50 00

UTAH—\$10.00.

Park City, by Rev. C. L. Corwin.....	10 00
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CALIFORNIA—\$317.69.

Received by Rev. J. T. Ford:

Long Beach.....	\$15 00
San Bernardino, Assoc.....	12 11

\$27 11Received by Mrs. A. L. Bangs, Treas.
Woman's H. M. Union:

Compton.....	\$5 00
Los Angeles, First Ch.....	\$1 00
Park Ch.....	5 00
Young Ladies' M. S.....	25 00
Pomona.....	5 00
Vernondale.....	5 00

\$76 00Expenses..... 5 00 **\$81 00**

Adin, by Rev. E. D. Howells.....	3 00
Alturas, by Rev. G. Griffiths.....	7 00
Lorin, by Rev. W. F. Bickford.....	9 50
Los Angeles, Third Ch., O. B. Hall,	
\$5; Rev. G. A. Rawson, \$5, by	
Rev. G. A. Rawson.....	10 00
Mary C. Noyes.....	19 70
Murphy's, by Rev. D. Goodsell.....	17 00
National City, by E. D. Weage.....	40 15
Nordhoff, by Rev. G. S. Valle.....	14 25
Oakland, by Rev. W. H. Cooke.....	10 00
San Buenaventura, Ch., \$7.05; Mrs.	
T. E. Mills, in full, to const. Oscar	
L. Smith a L. M., \$30.....	37 05
Sonoma, Ch., \$10.60; S. S. \$5.40, by	
Rev. H. H. Wilcott, \$17.83.....	35 33
Spring Valley, by Rev. M. F. Platt..	10 00
Susanville and Merrillville, by Rev.	
F. H. Adams.....	8 00

OREGON—\$155.00; of which Legacy, \$150.00.

Ashland, by Rev. G. J. Webster.....	5 00
Portland, on account of Legacy of	
Dea. H. M. Humphrey, by Dr. G.	
H. Atkinson.....	150 00

WASHINGTON TERRITORY—\$115.25.

Received by Rev. R. A. Beard:

Seattle, Plymouth Ch., to const. J.	
M. Coleman a L. M.....	\$50 00
Tacoma, A Friend.....	20 00

\$70 00

Coupeville, by Rev. G. Lindsay.....	18 00
Enterprise, Semiahmoo and West	
Ferndale, by Rev. G. Baker.....	7 25
Tacoma, by Rev. S. H. Cheadle.....	20 00

UNKNOWN—\$100.00.

A Thank-offering, for the Debt. "In	
His Name".....	\$100 00
HOME MISSIONARY.....	145 40

\$245 40

Donations of Clothing, etc.

Baltimore, Md., Ladies' Home Miss.	
Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. M. M.	
Brown, box and freight.....	\$51 00
Bridgeport, Ct., Ladies of North Ch.,	
by Hattie S. Palmer, box and freight	140 00

East Haven, Ct., S. S., by Mrs. L. Smith, barrel books.	
Falmouth, Mass., Ladies' Sew. Circle, by Mrs. Harriet H. Gifford, barrel and freight.	\$104 80
Farmington, Ct., Ladies, by Mrs. A. D. Vorce, box.	75 00
Gaylordsville, Ct., Miss M. Gaylord, barrel.	
Grand Rapids, Mich., Woman's H. M. Soc. of First Ch., by Mrs. Van Buskirk, barrel and cash.	60 88
Greenwich, Ct., Second Ch., by Mrs. Alfred A. Rundle, barrel.	52 11
Hartford, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of Asylum Hill Ch., by Mrs. J. H. Cone, box.	84 51
Ladies' Soc. of First Ch., by Miss E. Bunce, through Conn. W. H. M. Union, package.	10 00
Ladies' Soc. of Pearl St. Ch., by Hat- tie E. Cowles, box.	130 71
Lansing, Mich., Woman's H. M. Soc., by Mrs. E. F. Grabill, barrel.	46 00
Morris, Ct., Rev. Edwin Leonard, bar- rel, freight paid by S. S.	89 50
New Britain, Ct., Ladies' Soc. of South Ch., by Miss Kate M. Brown, through W. C. H. M. Union of Ct., box, barrel and cash.	137 38
New Haven, Ct., Ladies' Benev. Soc. of Dwight Place Ch., by Mrs. Chas. S. Gray, box, barrel and freight.	144 49
New York City, Ladies' Home Miss. Soc. of Broadway Tabernacle Ch., seven trunks.	1,319 65
Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Ch., by Mrs. Rufus L. Todd, 2 boxes.	
Bible House, D. B. Harlow, curtains for the Editorial Office, A. H. M. S. Mrs. Parker, bundle.	
Norwich, Ct., Ladies' H. M. Soc. of Second Ch., by Mrs. H. F. Palmer, two boxes and freight.	423 25
Philadelphia, N. Y., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Rev. A. S. Wood, box.	15 00
Plymouth, Mass., W. H. M. S. of Ply- mouth Ch., by Mrs. H. P. Bartlett, barrel.	46 00
St. Louis, Mo., W. H. M. S. of Pilgrim Ch., by Mrs. J. E. Lyman, box and two barrels.	201 30
Salisbury, Ct., Mrs. Monroe Clark, bar- rel.	99 84
Springfield, Vt., Ladies' Aid Soc., by Mrs. R. H. Holbrook, package.	22 00
Stratford, Ct., Ladies' Sew. Soc., by Mrs. R. W. Bunnell, box and freight.	150 00
Wallingford, Ct., Ladies' Soc., by Miss J. E. Doolittle, through W. H. M. Union of Ct., barrel and half barrel.	127 96
Warsaw, N. Y., Ladies' Soc., by Mrs. M. D. Jenks, box.	113 88

VERMONT DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, in February, 1889. THERON M. HOWARD, Treas.

Barre, A Friend, to const. Rev. P. Mc- Millan a L. M. of Vt. D. M. S.	\$20 00
Brattleboro, A Friend.	20 00
Burlington, First.	144 06
S. S.	40 00
Cambridge, Second, special.	76 61
Essex Junction, Cong'l Ch.	20 00
Fairlie, Friends.	6 00
Island Pond.	15 00
Jamaica, Rev. J. F. Whitney, special.	5 00
Johnson.	2 00
Ludlow.	15 45

Marlboro.	\$2 08
Newport.	22 83
Northfield, special.	39 08
Peacham, Y. P. M. Soc.	3 37
Rev. H. M. Andrews, N. Y.	4 63
Plymouth, Tyson.	2 16
Sheldon.	8 08
St. Johnsbury, North Ch.	100 08
South Ch.	54 74
Wells River.	29 02
Windham.	20 90
Banks Fund.	3 08
Worcester.	10 88

Received by Mrs. Wm. P. Fairbanks, Treas. Woman's Home Missionary Union:

Rutland, S. S.	\$25 00
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., W.	
H. M. S.	30 00
Thetford, North, Susan E. Dear- born.	1 00
Chelsea, Ladies' Ben. Soc.	10 00
Woodstock, First Ch., W. H. M. S.	40 00
St. Johnsbury, North Ch., W.	
H. M. S., for A. H. M. S.	23 08
In memoriam.	15 00
	144 08

\$807 36

MASSACHUSETTS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in February, REV. EDWIN B. PALMER, Treas.

Alford, by Rev. Augustus Alvord.	\$4 58
Augusta, Maine, A Friend.	10 00
Ayer, First, by Clara E. Blood, for suf- ferers in Northern Indiana.	26 68
Belmont, Waverly, Mrs. D. Butler, spe- cial for Clear Lake, Iowa.	5 00
Boston, "B."	5 00
"B. and L."	5 00
"C."	5 00
Charlestown, Winthrop, by Geo. S. Poole.	140 91
Dorchester, A. M. B.	55 00
Village, by John Durell.	58 68
Roxbury, Atwood, Helen M., for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Hooker, Mrs. Henry B.	25 00
West, Blake, Mrs. Emeline, for A. H. M. S.	1 00
Shawmut, by Lewis A. Leland, Bal- ance.	15 00
Bridgewater, Central Square, by Geo. H. Martin.	60 35
Copeland, Elizabeth D, special.	2 00
Brimfield, Second, by Geo. M. Hitch- cock.	7 83
Cambridge, Reed, Chas. T., Estate of, by Win. Minot, Jr., Ex.	681 34
Teacher, for Rev. C. S. H., Franklin, Neb.	10 00
Chelsea, Central, by Azel Ames.	101 79
Third, by John Bell.	100 46
Conway, by Francis Howland.	12 50
Douglas, East, by Thomas H. Meek.	80 85
Dracut, Anderson, Caroline D.	5 00
Dunstable, by James M. Swallow, for A. H. M. S.	38 76
Easthampton, First, by W. H. Wright, "for general work."	125 15
Everett, Central, by Franklin Pierce, add'l.	2 00
Fall River, by R. B. Borden, in part.	213 08
Fitchburg, C. C., by Chas. A. Sears.	28 08
Dickinson, Mrs. E. M., by Geo. L. Parker.	10 00

Eaton, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. R., to complete L. M'p of Mrs. S. C. Kendall.....	\$15 00
Parkhill, John, by Geo. L. Parker.....	2 00
Framingham, South, by A. M. Eames.....	296 68
Freetown, by Geo. M. Nichols.....	10 68
Gardner, First, by Daniel H. Rand, to const. W. W. Thompson and Mrs. E. F. Baker L. Ms.....	60 00
Grafton, Saundersville, by A. E. Gurney.....	15 00
Greenfield, Second, by Lucy A. Sparhawk, for A. H. M. S.....	63 61
Hamilton, by Joseph P. Lovering.....	24 15
Hamden Benev. Assoc., by Rev. Chas. Marsh, Treas.:.....	
Agawam, Feeding Hills.....	\$25 00
Chicopee, Second.....	45 18
Palmer, First.....	6 25
Springfield, North.....	75 71
For French Prot. College.....	4 50
Olivet.....	62 84
West Springfield, Mittineague.....	74 95
Park St.....	80 00
Hardwick, Calvinistic, by Rev. Chas. M. Pierce.....	9 70
Harvard, Y. P. S. C. E., by Cleora G. Viles, for Indians.....	10 00
Hawley, West Hawley (of which \$5 individual), by Rev. A. B. Peppers.....	15 00
Holbrook, Winthrop, by Frank B. Diman.....	83 18
Lakeville, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	1 64
Lawrence, South, by J. Y. Buzzell.....	11 65
Y. P. S. C. E., by Rev. Clark Carter, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Littleton, A Friend.....	100 00
Malden, First, "G." for A. H. M. S.....	5 00
Mansfield, Orth., by Mrs. Rev. Jacob Ide.....	14 28
Marlborough, Union, by Rufus Howe.....	91 00
Mass., Cash.....	30 00
Maynard, by W. H. Gutteridge.....	130 00
Melrose, Orth., by C. C. Goss.....	95 87
Middleboro, North, by S. White.....	29 10
New Bedford, North, by James W. Hervey, for A. H. M. S.....	182 24
Newburyport, "Friends of Home Missions, a protest against 'No more new work.'.....	80 00
Newton, Auburndale, A Friend, "F. R. L." for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
West, by J. L. Clarke.....	97 55
Norfolk, by N. H. Rockwood.....	8 58
North Brookfield, Miller, Julia A.....	1 40
Norwood, Fuller, Mrs. H. N., for Western work.....	1 00
Orleans, by Jonathan Higgins.....	12 25
Otis, Powell, Rev. S. W.....	9 00
Plymouth, Pilgrimage, by Geo. G. Dyer.....	104 44
Prescott, First, by R. H. Allen.....	17 25
Quincy, Evang., \$135.50: Prim. Dept. of S. S., \$5, by James S. Baxter.....	140 50
Riverside, R. I., by F. O. Brigham.....	2 08
Rochester, North, by Rev. S. B. Andrews.....	3 80
Rockland, by Will. H. Clark.....	45 10
Samo Kov, Bulgaria, Haskell, Rev. H. C., by Langdon S. Ward, for A. H. M. S.....	10 00
Shelburne, by Z. D. Bardwell, to const. Emma L. Stone a L. M. of A. H. M. S.....	50 00
Shirley, Whitney, C. H.....	13 00
Somerset, Thank-offering for Evangelist Tatt's service, by Dr. Morrill.....	6 00
Somerville, West, Day St., by Peter Gray, to const. Rev. H. C. Hitchcock and Herbert E. Valentine L. Ms.....	63 33
Templeton, Baldwinville, Y. P. S. C. E., by Allena V. Fisher.....	2 00
Topsfield, by Rev. C. W. Luck.....	11 93
Waltham, Two Friends.....	10 00

Ware, Hyde Mrs. Wm., by W. S. Hyde.....	\$100 00
Wendell, by Rev. P. F. Barnard (of which \$5 individual).....	16 89
Westford, Keyes, H. O., by Mrs. R. E. Luce.....	30 00
Westhampton, by A. D. Montague.....	37 65
West Stockbridge, Center, by Rev. Aug. Alvord.....	1 82
West Warren, by Rev. Geo. H. Morris.....	15 00
Weymouth and Braintree, Union, by Rev. E. T. Pitts, for Cando, Kans.....	15 00
North, A Friend, by Rev. W. D. Leland.....	5 00
Winchester, First, by Eugene Tappan.....	25 00
Woburn, Hartwell, F. A.....	1 00
Worcester, A Friend, E. W.....	300 00
Chase, C. A., for A. H. M. S.....	1 00
Old South, by Geo. M. Pierce.....	26 50
Union, Harrington, Mrs. Lucretia, by S. Newton.....	2 00
Yarmouth, by Rev. John W. Dodge.....	62 67
	\$4,615 89
Home Missionary.....	8 40
	\$4,624 29

ERRATA.—In March *Home Missionary*, p. 528, after "Gardner, First," etc., read, "in M. H. M. S.; p. 529 after "Lee, S. S.," read, by W. J. Bartlett; do., "Mattapoisett," etc., read, \$30; do., "Natick," etc., read, \$136.46.

Donations of Clothing, etc., received and reported at the rooms of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society in February.

Belmont, Waverley, Mrs. Daniel Butler, cloak, unappraised.....	
Bridgewater, Mrs. E. D. Copeland, garments, unappraised.....	
Cambridge, First, Ladies' Aux., by Mrs. S. L. Hall, two barrels and freight.....	\$123 00
Fall River, Central, Ladies' Benev. Soc., by Mrs. G. S. Eddy, box.....	153 50
First, Ladies' Benev. Soc., two boxes and two barrels.....	248 73
Framingham, South, Ladies' Assoc., by Mrs. Geo. E. Kendall, barrel and freight.....	89 00
Hyde Park, First S. S. Class of little girls, and Friends, by Mrs. E. O. Taylor, barrel and freight.....	47 00
Northampton, First, Dorcas Soc., by Mrs. J. H. Searle, box.....	113 00
	\$774 23

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

Receipts of the Missionary Society of Connecticut in February, 1889. WARD W. JACOBS, Treas.

Andover, by Rev. E. W. Merritt.....	\$5 00
Coventry, So. Coventry, by J. S. Morgan.....	39 79
East Hartford, by E. A. Williams, from A Friend, to const. Miss M. Lena Elmore a L. M.....	50 00
Glastonbury, So. Glastonbury, by H. D. Hale.....	15 74
Haddam, Higganum, by R. J. Gladwin.....	16 00
Hamden, Whitneyville, by F. T. Jarman.....	30 00
Naugatuck, by Miss Ellen Spencer, \$75: for A. H. M. S., \$166.80.....	241 80
New Britain, First, by A. N. Lewis, "a Family Gift," for A. H. M. S.....	20 00
Old Saybrook, by Robert Chapman (quarterly), for A. H. M. S.....	71 75

Oxford, by R. B. Limburner, to const.	
Mrs. Harriet A. Tucker & L. M.	\$32 00
Plainfield, by R. Ensworth	18 69
Wauregan, by Rev. S. H. Fellowes, to const. George Leach & L. M.	50 00
Plainville, Mrs. F. P. Friable, for A. H. M. S.	5 00
Somers, by E. C. Chapman	41 13
Southbury, by D. M. Fenn, Ex., be- quest of Mrs. Susan Scott, deceased.	100 00
Suffield, First, by James W. Spelman	50 00
Thomaston, by P. Darrow	12 65
Waterbury, First, by F. B. Hoadley	142 00
Second, Mary L. Mitchell, Special	
Thank-offering for A. H. M. S.	500 00
Westford, by C. W. Brett	4 44
Windsor, Poquonock, by L. R. Lord	31 91
W. C. H. M. U. of Ct., by Mrs. S. M. Hotchkiss	5 00
	\$1,505 91

Boxes received in January.

Killingly, Danielsonville, Ladies' Soc., a barrel, value	\$25 00
New Haven, Fair Haven, Second, Ladies' Soc., a package, value	4 40
Norwich, Broadway, Ladies' Soc., by W. C. H. M. U. of Ct., a box, value	96 55

Box received in February.

New Haven, Fair Haven, First, Ladies' Soc., a barrel, value	68 35
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ERRATA.—In March *Home Missionary*, page 531, first column, after "Farmington, First, by F. C. Jones," read, \$114.68; same column, after "Middlebury, Bequest of Miss E. Bronson, etc.," read, \$100.

ILLINOIS HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.*Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in January, 1889. AARON B. MEAD, Treas.*

Abingdon, \$13.25; S. S., \$5.16	\$18 41
Rev. Thomas Kent	5 00
Albion, Union Ch.	12 41
Alto Pass, special	10 52
Bartlett	20 00
Buda	31 45
Bunker Hill	35 72
Bureau, in support of services	8 89
Canton	61 65
Chesterfield	37 43
E. J. Duckles	5 00
Chicago, First	256 00
O. S. A. Sprague	50 00
J. C. Newcomb	25 00
Mrs. Mary Smallwood	10 00
New England, "Steady Streams"	12 00
Decatur, special	18 06
De Pue, in support of services	13 49
Dover, S. S.	5 00
Dundee	20 95
Dwight, F. Brubaker	50
Earlville	18 15
Englewood, North, W. E. Sandford	25 00
Gridley	10 00
Griggsville, Y. P. M. Soc.	5 00
Highland	50 00
Ivanhoe, Fremont Ch.	18 00
Special	1 30
Wells & Dean, special	25 00
Amelia Holcomb	10 00
George H. Radke, special	5 00
Knoxville, Orange Ch., H. Rowles	10 00
La Grange	12 00
La Harpe, Woman's H. and F. M. Soc.	1 50
Mendon, \$44.45; S. S., \$12	56 45
Milburn	12 00

Nora	\$25 75
Normal, special	10 35
Miss Mamie Roberts, special	5 00
C. E. Cantine and wife, special	15 00
Olney	7 50
Ontario	24 00
Payson	21 50
Plano	6 50
Princeton	26 59
Providence	59 21
George C. Kellogg	5 00
Rock Falls, \$9.08; W. M. S., \$3.25	17 33
Rockford, Second, Rev. W. M. Bar- rows, special	5 00
Second, H. N. Baker, special	5 00
Scandinavian, John A. Johnston, special	25 00
A. Hollem, special	10 00
G. Jernberg, special	5 00
Rockton	5 25
Rollo	17 30
Seward (Winnebago Co.)	35 00
St. Charles, Rev. George H. Smith	4 00
Shawville	1 55
Rev. H. S. Fish and wife	5 00
Waukegan, First	6 00
Wethersfield, Mrs. H. E. Kellogg	5 00
Winnetka	36 25
Dr. C. N. Cooper, Cleveland, Tenn.	10 00
A Friend, special	90 69
Cash	20 00
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mis- sion	50 00
	\$1,474 56

Receipts of the Illinois Home Missionary Society in February, 1889. AARON B. MEAD, Treas.

Amboy, Mrs. D. W. Slaughter	\$4 00
Ashkum	8 00
Aurora, New England Ch., Pri. Dept. S. S.	9 00
Bloomington	18 25
Bureau, in support of services	12 85
Canton	7 85
Champaign, Ladies' Society	5 00
Chicago, First Ch.	96 48
New England Ch., Ladies' Soc.	10 00
Leavitt Street Ch., Ladies' Soc.	25 20
Lincoln Park Ch., Ladies' Soc.	9 25
South Park Ch.	5 73
De Kalb	21 94
De Pue, in support of services	13 50
Dongola	104 50
Earlville, special	10 50
Elgin, First Ch.	135 10
Elmwood, Samuel Phelps	20 00
Englewood, First, Ladies' Soc.	15 00
Galesburg, First Cong'l Ch., \$104.07; S. S. \$10.00	114 07
First Ch. of Christ, \$10.00; S. S., \$43.31	53 31
O. J. Colton, special	5 00
Geneseo, "King's Children"	5 00
Greenville, special	25 01
Hinsdale	36 00
J. W. Bushnell	5 00
Huey, Clement Ch.	5 00
Ivanhoe, Fremont Ch., E. Hubbard	50
Lombard, Ladies' Soc.	12 28
Marseilles	58 30
Mattoon	11 66
Moline, Ladies' Soc.	5 00
Morgan Park, special	8 50
Ontario	18 22
Park Ridge	43 00
Port Byron, \$14; Earnest Workers, \$7.82	21 82
Prospect Park, special	15 52
Rev. H. A. Fischer	10 00
L. C. Cooper	25 00
Riley, Mrs. Maria J. Sears	5 00

Rockford, First Ch., Ladies' Soc.....	\$15 00
Second Ch., Ladies' Soc.....	57 00
Young Ladies' F. M. Soc.....	1 00
Rollo, special.....	43 73
Rosemond, Sunday-school.....	15 00
Sandoval.....	2 00
Sheffield.....	69 46
St. Charles, Rev. George H. Smith and wife.....	5 00
Stirling, \$18.25; S. S., \$20.75.....	39 00
Waukegan, First, Ladies' Soc.....	8 40
Western Springs, special.....	16 91
Wheaton, First, special.....	21 16
Mrs. J. C. Webster, special.....	5 00
College Ch.....	7 00
Woodstock, W. H. Dwight.....	7 00
Mrs. David Robinson.....	1 00
Mrs. Eliza Ellsworth.....	50
Cash.....	15 00
Rev. Henry Willard, Chicago.....	18 00
A Friend, special.....	\$1 30
Rev. S. Penfield, Joliet.....	10 00
Mrs. L. Haskell, Tolono.....	25 00
Bureau Association, for De Pue Mission.....	16 53
	\$1,502 98

IOWA HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Receipts of the Iowa Home Missionary Society
in January. J. H. MERRILL, Esq., Treas.

Alden, \$13; S. S., \$5.....	\$18 00
Algona.....	59 47
Ladies' Soc, \$6; S. S. class, \$5.53.....	11 58
Alton.....	12 00
Anamosa, Ladies' Miss. Soc.....	5 30
Anita.....	26 00
Aurelia, H. M. Skeels.....	5 00
Belmond.....	5 75
Bondurant, Congregation.....	5 50
Burlington, \$6.15; S. S., \$3.31.....	9 36
Cedar Falls, \$30; Ladies, \$4.47.....	24 47
Cedar Rapids, S. S.....	8 55
Cherokee, F. E. Whitmore.....	200 00
Chester Center.....	8 35
Chicago, Mary E. Marsh.....	2 50
Cincinnati.....	6 40
Clarion.....	8 00
Clinton, Y. P. S. C. E., \$10; S. S., \$15.....	25 00
Ladies' Industrial Soc.....	50 00
Cresco, \$6.15; Y. P. S. C. E., \$5.....	11 15
Des Moines, N. H. Clark.....	21 72
Pilgrim.....	40 00
Plymouth, Little Branches.....	2 50
W. M. S.....	7 50
Dubuque, Y. P. B. S., \$27.70; L. M. S., \$37.....	64 70
Dunlap, \$37.11; Y. P. M. S., \$5.....	42 11
Eagle Grove, L. M. S.....	2 50
Eldora, Birthday Gifts.....	19 45
Elliott.....	9 00
Fairfield, Ladies.....	8 55
Gowrie.....	18 50
Grand View, German.....	10 00
Grinnell, \$66.73; S. S., \$89.22.....	155 95
W. H. M. U.....	87 38
Ladies, \$15; A Friend, \$50.....	65 00
T. O. D.....	5 00
Hawarden, G. F. H.....	5 00
Humboldt, Birthday Box.....	4 00
Lakeside.....	4 75
Lansing Ridge.....	4 00
German, W. M. S.....	6 00
Le Mars, L. M. S.....	3 90

Lewis.....	\$7 00
Magnolia, W. H. M. U.....	2 15
Maquoketa.....	43 22
Mason City.....	6 35
Midland, Ladies.....	10 00
Midland.....	3 33
Miles, L. M. S.....	15 00
Milford.....	20 00
Mitchellville.....	25 00
Mt. Pleasant, Willing Workers.....	3 00
Montour, \$21.90; S. S., \$5.....	26 20
Nashua, Rev. N. L. Packard.....	2 00
New Hampton, German.....	10 00
New Providence.....	7 60
Oakland.....	17 14
Onawa, L. M. S., \$10; Cheerful Givers, \$5.....	15 00
Orient.....	4 00
Ossage, W. M. S.....	4 30
Percival.....	33 25
Peterson.....	11 62
Postville, W. M. S., \$12; Willing Workers, \$5.....	17 00
Preston, \$21; W. M. S., \$5.....	26 00
Princeton.....	4 63
Red Oak, W. M. S.....	18 00
Salem, \$12.17; L. M. S., \$2.50.....	24 67
Silver Creek.....	2 50
J. M. Rees.....	10 00
Sloan, S. S.....	64
Stacyville, \$11.50; S. S., \$5.....	16 50
Storm Lake, L. M. S.....	5 00
Stuart, J. S. C. E.....	2 62
Tabor, S. S., \$15; L. H. M. S., \$6.....	21 00
Traer.....	6 35
Van Cleve, Ladies.....	6 00
Waucoma.....	4 16
Waverly.....	1 80
Webster City, \$11; L. M. S., \$15.....	26 00

WOMAN'S FUND FOR MISSIONARY SALARIES.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$11,511 85
Connecticut, Chaplin, \$40; Griswold, \$100; Fairfield, \$18.42; Hanover, \$25; Hartford, \$17; New Britain, \$10; Whitteyville, \$25; W. H. M. U., \$100.....	325 42
District of Columbia, Washington.....	25 00
Illinois, Chicago.....	100 00
Massachusetts, Boston, \$100; Hyde Park, \$50; Spencer, \$100.....	250 00
Michigan, Alba, \$8.49; Flint, \$10; Kalamazoo, \$5.....	24 49
Minnesota, Excelsior, \$5.21; Minneapolis, \$7.50.....	12 71
New Hampshire, Rochester.....	23 40
New York, Poughkeepsie.....	25 00
	\$12,217 57

YOUNG LADIES' SWEDISH FUND.

Previously acknowledged.....	\$31 85
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CHILDREN'S BOHEMIAN FUND.

Previously acknowledged and appropriated.....	\$2,773 34
Massachusetts, Ayer.....	2 00
New Hampshire, Tilton.....	5 00
	\$2,780 34

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